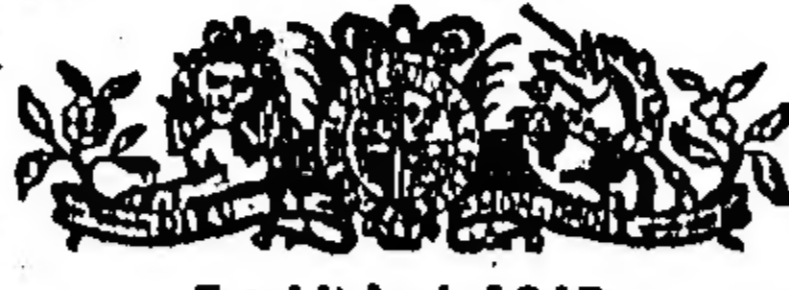


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Comment Of The Day

Driving tests

THREE months have passed since the Traffic Department announced new driving tests. It will be recalled that for the first time the Police introduced a written examination which would precede the practical test. The object of the new test was, in the words of the Commissioner, Mr H. W. E. Heath, to raise driving standards, cut out favouritism and corruption, speed up testing and remove undue delays.

How has it succeeded? Unfortunately, statistics are not available to show an exact comparison between the percentage of passes now compared with last year, but a Police spokesman told the China Mail yesterday they were "practically the same." It is hard to believe that more are passing under the new test but it will probably come as a surprise to many that there has not been a drastic decline.

BECAUSE the Police also reveal that the waiting time for a test has been cut from six months in Hongkong and a year in Kowloon, to six weeks. The waiting list, once 15,000, has also been reduced, although figures are again unforthcoming. Undoubtedly the written exam has reduced the number who qualify to take the practical test, but if the Police statement that the percentage of passes is practically the same means anything less than a five percent reduction, there were not such serious defects in the old method of testing as was generally believed.

But it might also be argued that if one object of the test was to raise driving standards, either there is going to be no difference in the quality of new driver coming on to the road, or else the standard of driving tuition has suddenly and remarkably improved to meet the demands of the new test. We hope it is the latter. Certainly the testing delay has been virtually eliminated — some could learn to drive in six weeks but not many do — and there can be no complaint on that score today.

THE Traffic Department deserve to be congratulated on doing so well. They have probably received many complaints, however — one was voiced on Tuesday by Mr Brook Bernacchi at the Urban Council meeting — and the hope is that the new system will be modified in the light of experience. One complaint is that insufficient time is given for the written examination. Police may feel it is as much a test of quick reaction as accuracy but written questions are rarely as vividly and clearly communicated to the mind as actual situations. The examination time might therefore be extended by a short period to give time to scan the questions and think over any complex phrasing that occurs before picking up the pen to jot down the answers.

Another drawback concerns the illiterate. He does not have to be able to read to recognise road signs and because of the high rate of illiteracy, the new test may penalise a number who really deserve to be passed. Could not the illiterate be tested with the help of a tape recorder instead of a printed exam paper? The recorder could ask the questions, repeating each slowly twice while those being tested put ticks in Yes or No squares set out in numerical order.

'Police now acting like gentlemen', says priest MOVE TO APPEASE AFRICANS

New turn in Union's race crisis

Capetown, Apr. 7.
Police "behaved like gentlemen" today when they arrested 1,525 African men and women in Nyanga who had stayed away from work.

The orderliness and quiet authority with which the Police worked gave rise to beliefs that this might be the first indication of a new Government policy to appease Africans.

The arrested men and women were taken in lorries, loads to a police station about two miles away where all but 102 were later released after screening.

Father Stanley Qabasi, Anglican Clergyman in charge of the Holy Cross Church, Nyanga, said tonight everything was quiet.

He said "The police behaved very well. It was not a repetition of events here last Monday."

"Today the police behaved like gentlemen for the first time. They conducted their business quite quietly. There were no beatings or shootings."

Houses searched

"They searched houses after asking people to get out. They may have been searching for guns or other weapons."

"I think several hundred people were taken away by the police who were trying to get hold of intimidators but quite a few of the people have been returned to the township."

In Johannesburg, the Pan-Africanist Congress announced tonight it was intensifying its anti-pass campaign it began on March 21 "to prove to the authorities that the African people do not want to carry passes any more."

Mr William Jolobe, a Congress spokesman, said in a statement here "there is no need for us to carry reference (pass) books and no amount of argument can make us believe otherwise."

The statement was in reply to a declaration last night by Mr Francis Erasmus, South African Justice Minister, that police were again authorised to demand to see passbooks.

Demands to see the passes, and arrests for their non-possession, were suspended on March 26 following the riots of that week. Mr Erasmus said at the time that the measure was "temporary."

Catastrophe

In Capetown, the nationalist newspaper Die Burger said that South Africa is facing "practically" a complete "catastrophe" in her foreign relations.

The paper said that the word "apartheid" had come to grief and "as far as external relations are concerned it is a word which South Africa can no longer afford."

Unless something is done to retain the goodwill of fair overseas opinion, South Africa will have "to look forward to a permanent status as skunk of the world," the paper said.

Die Burger referred to reports in the British press concerning police action in Capetown and said when such papers as the Times and Daily Telegraph become "practically hysterical" then "its long past midnight for us on the overseas propaganda front." —Reuter and AP.

GAMBLE'S HUSBAND MAY FACE KIDNAP CHARGE

New York, Apr. 7.
The family of 19-year-old typewriter heiress Gamble Benedict may file charges against her husband of a day, 35-year-old Rumanian chauffeur Andre Forumbescu, for kidnapping a minor, it was disclosed today.

The couple were married last night at Hendersonville, North Carolina, after weeks of trying to wed against the wishes of her dowager grandmother, who regards Forumbescu as a fortune-hunter.

New York courts might file a warrant against Forumbescu as

Setback for grandma

New York, Apr. 7.
The grandmother of Gamble Benedict suffered a first legal setback today in her bid to upset Gamble's marriage.

The New York Juvenile Court legal guardian of 10-year-old Gamble, declared it had no power to demand extradition of the couple from North Carolina where they were married.

The court could act only if the couple returned to New York, otherwise it was powerless because their marriage was not a case for interstate extradition. —AP.

well as his bride, who violated a Brooklyn court's decision making her a ward of the court.

The bride's family could call in Federal authorities and agents of the FBI by charging Forumbescu kidnapped a minor and took her across several state lines in their wanderings.

HOSPITABLE

The couple spent their wedding night in Hendersonville, a small resort which proved more hospitable than New York or South Carolina where authorities were terrified at the idea of marrying an heiress to an alleged "Casanova."

The couple's guardian angel turned out to be Henderson County Attorney Arthur Reddy, who proclaimed the validity of Forumbescu's controversial Mexican divorce, loaned his mountain cabin for the wedding and cut his wife's champagne. —AP.

Fort Worth, Apr. 7.
A. C. Reid Jr., who was treated for a bump on the head said he was willing for a lift in an office building and opened the safety door to see if it was coming. It was. —UPI.

Blazing building drama



This dramatic picture taken yesterday of the Connaught Road fire shows the fireboat moving into the 'prayer' wall to spray the blazing building at the height of the fire. Three died in the fire, nine were seriously injured. Damage was estimated at \$2 million. This photo was taken from a launch in the harbour.

Distraction

Fort Worth, Apr. 7.
Police didn't find the hitchhiker who distracted motorists on Wednesday, but they got a good description.

She was in her early 30's and nude. —UPI.

Wrong country

London, Apr. 7.
Mr Arthur Woodburn demanded in Parliament an explanation of why the British Ambassador in Paris is officially called "Ambassadeur de L'Angleterre" (Ambassador of England).

Mr Woodburn is from Scotland. —UPI.

Paleface unions no good for Red Indians

Washington, Apr. 7.
The Navajo Red Indians went on the warpath today, insisting on their rights as a sovereign nation and claiming that their treaty with the United States did not mean they had to obey the white man's laws.

The Indians, employed at a uranium concentrating plant on a Navajo reservation at Mexican Hat, Utah, have asked a United States Federal

District Court to rule that they don't have to join a paleface union.

And they have threatened to cut off the white man's supply of uranium for the big mushroom bombs if the pipe of peace is not smoked soon.

Labour union no good for Indian, Navajo tribal leaders say.

Navajos say they are an independent nation with a capital at Window Rock, Arizona.

and that paleface labour laws do not apply to them.

The court will rule tomorrow on their application for an injunction to block an election at their factory of a union to act as their collective bargaining agent.

But the national labour relations board and the steelworkers, operating engineers and labourers unions have said that the white man's laws will be enforced on the Indian reservation. —Reuter.

Why our bread delivery was disrupted

Retrenchments, reshuffle of staff and a merger of delivery systems since the formation of Dairy-Lane Ltd have caused the disruption in the delivery of bread in Hongkong. It was learned today.

Before Dairy-Lane came into being, both Dairy Farm and Lane, Crawfords handled their own deliveries of bread.

Unfamiliar

Now, Lane, Crawfords are handling the bread deliveries for the joint company.

But 16 people have been retrenched from the delivery department of Lane, Crawfords recently.

And the remaining delivery staff have been supplemented by daily-paid coolies.

The new men, it is said, are unfamiliar with the work and this has caused the disruption.

Formula

Meanwhile a spokesman for the Garden Co Ltd, which formerly baked bread for Dairy Farm before its provisions department merged with Lane, Crawfords, said his company had now been told to handle the delivery of bread on Hongkong side. When asked if the Garden Co would work Lane, Crawfords' bakery in Stubbs Road in future, a spokesman for the Lane, Crawfords' bakery said: "It would be made according to our formula and under our own label."



GALINA ULANOVA

Famous prima ballerina retires

Moscow, Apr. 7.
Famous Russian prima ballerina, Galina Ulanova, has retired.

She will receive a monthly pension of about £140. Galina Ulanova, who is 45 years old, will not retire completely from the world of the ballet, however.

From time to time she will give a dance recital or will return to the Bolshoi Ballet to dance her favourite roles: Odette in "Swan Lake" or Juliette in "Romeo and Juliette."

She was born in 1910 in a family of artists. Her father was a director, and her mother was a ballerina and a teacher. She received the "Stalin Prize" on four occasions for her exceptional dancing. —AP.

Over \$3,000 worth of jewellery stolen

A wrist watch and gold ornaments, to a total value of \$3,140, were stolen from the second floor flat of 16, Yuen Yuen Street, Happy Valley, yesterday evening.

One up on Pop

San Pedro, Apr. 7.
Billy G. Sanson, five, was taken on a fishing trip by his father and a friend. Billy caught a 2 1/2-pound crappie. Pop and friend went biteless. —UPI.



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Gibraltar—from 440 miles up!

Washington, Apr. 7. The United States television satellite "Tires 1" has transmitted from an altitude of 440 miles pictures clearly showing the boot of Italy, the Straits of Gibraltar, the Suez area and the eastern Mediterranean nations, and the southwest coast of Europe, officials reported today — UPI.

Tories criticise the budget CHANCELLOR TO MPs: 'YOU TELL ME HOW'

London, Apr. 7. Mr Derick Heathcoat Amory, Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight challenged Conservative critics of his budget to say which of the government's present policies they wished to see reversed.

Mr Amory has been criticised by Mr Peter Thorneycroft, a former Chancellor, Mr Gerald Nabarro, Lord Hinchinbrooke and others for not cutting government expenditure and thus allowing for a reduction in taxation.

Replying to a four-day House of Commons debate on his proposals, Mr Amory said Mr Thorneycroft had not made it clear where he would make his major economies.

He then challenged his critics to say what they would do. There were loud ironical Labour cheers when Mr Nabarro rose to say he wanted the Chancellor drastically to strengthen parliamentary control over the "huge sums" he was providing for capital investment in the nationalised industries.

RISK OF INFLATION

Mr Amory said he would take note of that, but added that the government was pursuing present policies because it considered them right. They had been confirmed by the Conservative Party many times.

The Chancellor said he wanted to give a "slight touch of the brake" to Britain's rate of expansion. His first and foremost aim was to ward off the risk of a return of inflation, to safeguard the balance of payments and reinforce the price stability of the past two years.

He would stand by his proposals, he said, however disappointing they were to those who wanted income tax cuts.

Mr Amory's was largely a "standstill" budget. It made no change in the rate of income tax, put two pence on the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes and will take £65 million more in a full year from the company profits tax. He took the entertainment tax off cinema seats, made wines cheaper and gave extra relief to people with dependent relatives.—Reuter.

Hollywood strike is over

Hollywood, Apr. 7. The Screen Actors Guild strike against the major studios is over, Producer Jerry Wald said today.

Mr Wald said he would resume shooting his Marilyn Monroe picture today.

Mr Wald said he received word from 20th Century-Fox executives who told him last night that the strike was over and to be prepared to resume shooting of his "Let's Make Love."

"I've notified all my actors and production people to be prepared to go to work tomorrow morning," Mr Wald said. "I've had Frankie Vaughan cancel his flight to London and Yves Montand call off his trip to France. Wilfred Hyde White has already returned to Hollywood."

A spokesman for the Association of Motion Picture Producers said that a negotiation meeting scheduled for today "would more than likely mean the end" of the 31-day strike.

"From what I was told," Mr Wald said, "the strike was over tonight. This means we can all get back to work now."

The strike, called by the Screen Actors Guild, on March 7, brought motion picture production at seven major studios to a virtual standstill.

Eight films were suspended in mid-production, and film activity at M-G-M, Warner Brothers, 20th Century-Fox, Paramount, Columbia, Disney and Allied Artists was halted.

The actors had asked for a pension fund increase, higher salaries, and percentage of the profits of post-1948 films sold to television.—UPI.

WIFE USES SCIENCE IN DEFENCE OF PILOT

London, Apr. 7. A wife used her scientific knowledge at an official inquiry here today in an attempt to vindicate her pilot husband from blame for an air crash.

Mrs Ruby Thain, wife of Captain James Thain, co-pilot of the British European Airways Filzabean airliner which crashed at Munich, Germany, in February 1958, today told the inquiry of experiments she made after a German inquiry had blamed her husband.

The German inquiry attributed the crash, in which 23 people, including Manchester United footballers, were killed, to ice on the plane's wings.

Mrs Thain, who is a science teacher, said she had a degree in chemistry and physics. She believed ice formed on the wings because a fine fire-extinguishing powder was used when the plane crashed and caught fire.

EXPERIMENTS

She used some of the powder in her experiments. She found that when snow came into contact with it the solution could melt and then freeze at a lower temperature.

Captain Thain, 39, has been grounded since the crash. The inquiry was set up to investigate his belief that slush on the runway caused it; to decide whether he satisfied himself the wings were free of ice and snow, and to decide if the runway was fit for use.

The inquiry closed today after Captain Thain had given evidence. Mr E. S. Fry, who presided, said a report would go to the Minister of Aviation Mr Duncan Sandys.—China Mail Special.

Nairobi, Apr. 7. A former Kenya police inspector, Eric Thomas Sims, was found slashed to death outside his home at Karen near Nairobi early today. His African servant is being questioned.

Sims, 34, worked for the Coca Cola company in Nairobi. He was unmarried.—AP.

Cancer patients were heavy smokers, doctor testifies

Pittsburgh, Apr. 7. A cancer specialist testified at a US\$1,250,000 damage suit against a leading cigarette firm today that virtually every patient he treated for epidermoid cancer had a history of heavy smoking.

Dr David Kremer, who seven years ago treated the plaintiff in the case, Otto Pritchard, said he attended between 15 and 20 patients who had contracted what he termed epidermoid cancer. He added that his patients admitted smoking a packet or more of cigarettes a day.

Kremer's precedent-setting testimony under oath came as lawyers for Pritchard, a 61-year-old cabinet maker, attempted to prove the plaintiff contracted cancer after smoking one of the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company's brands for more than 25 years.

FIRST TIME

Mr James P. McArdle, representing the plaintiff, planned to call at least two other physicians to testify as to the possible link between heavy smoking and lung cancer.

The victim was a patient at Presbyterian Hospital in 1953. That was the year Pritchard underwent surgery for removal of two lobes of a cancerous lung.

Dog carries dead baby

Stockport, Apr. 7. Women screamed in a street today as they saw a dog carrying a tiny baby in its mouth.

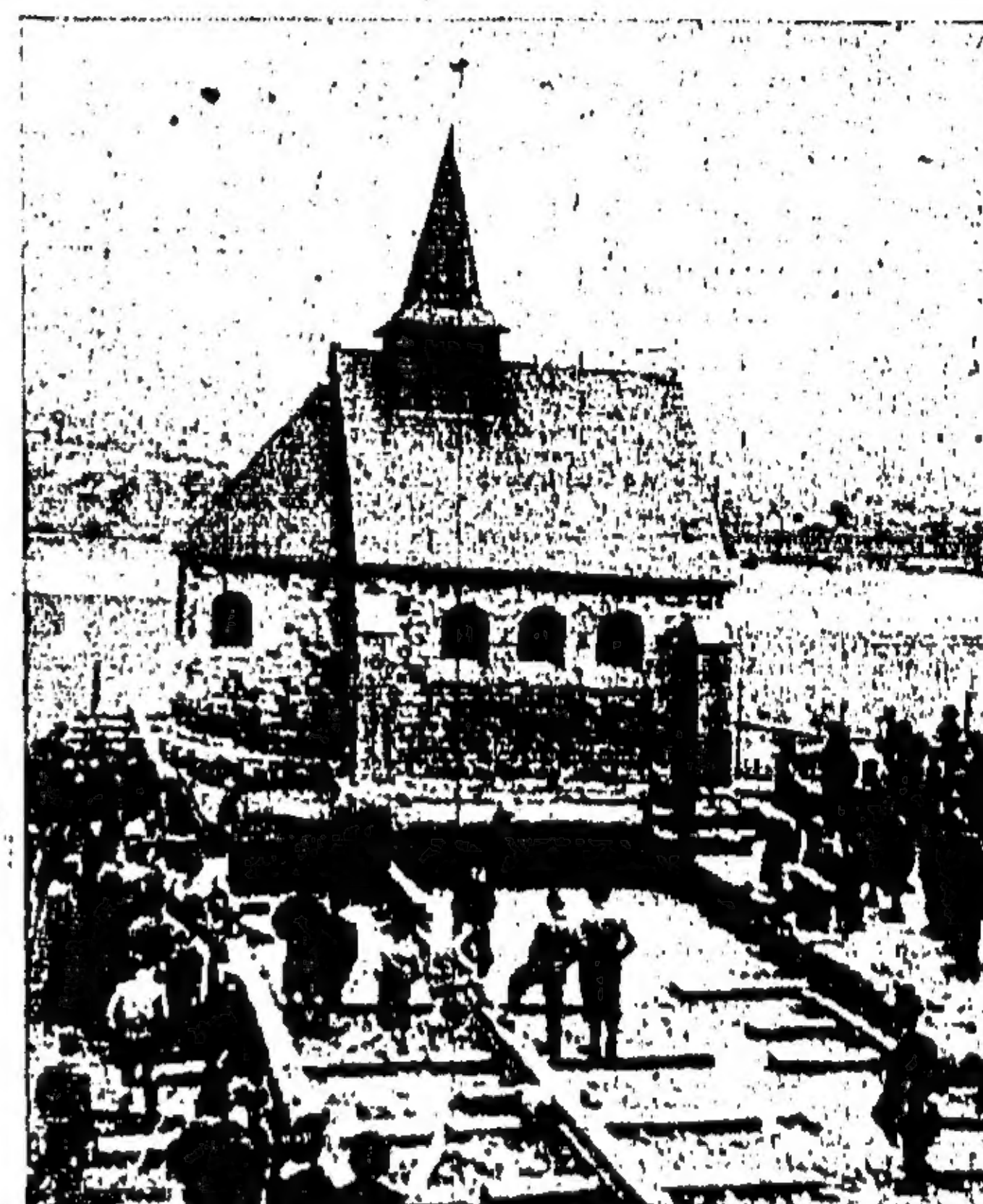
The dog put the baby down on a doorstep dead.

Police said the baby, which was only a few hours old, had been left in a work yard.

It was dead when the dog picked it up, they believed.—Reuter.

French farmers up in arms over policies

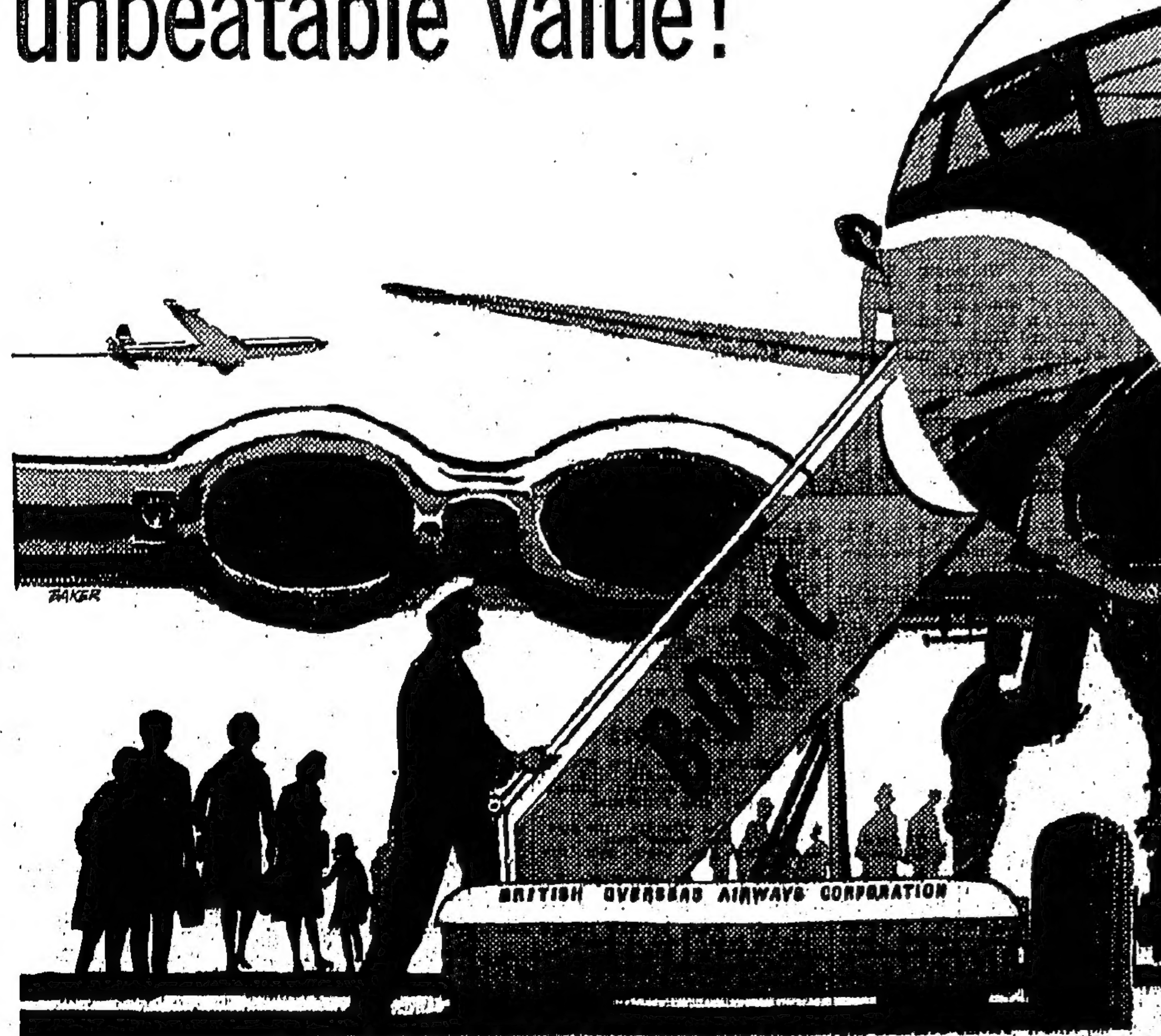
Sens, Apr. 8. Around 10,000 angry French farmers clashed with riot police last night following a mass demonstration against government farm policies. Several persons were reported injured, none seriously. The farmer rally at Sens was one of 18 such meetings throughout France which massed about 200,000 farmers in a nationwide show of protest over government policies and declining farm income. Elsewhere the demonstrations were spirited but peaceful in accordance with farm leaders' plans to "leave the pitchforks at home."—AP.



The memorial chapel to the late Queen Astrid of Belgium was recently moved bodily across the road to the lakeside near Kusnacht on Lake Lucerne, Switzerland, in one of the oddest moves ever carried out in Switzerland. The tiny 160-ton chapel was erected by the Belgians to mark the spot where Queen Astrid was killed in a car accident in 1935. Now, a quarter of a century later, it was being moved 75 yards to a spot on the other side of the road.—AP Photo.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

CELEBRITY PAGE

Baronet's ex-wife
nurses him
back to health

BARONET Sir Campbell Mitchell-Cotts, 57, who has not been well during
the past few weeks, has been nursed back to health by his former wife,
who divorced him in 1939.

He is still
Mr Jones on
invitations

PRINCESS MARGARET'S
stance is still styled "Mr."
on gilt-edged invitations cards
for the royal wedding which are
soon to be sent to Heads of
Foreign Governments.

The invitations, now being
printed on an urgent order,
read:

"The Lord Chamberlain
is Commanded by Her
Majesty Queen Elizabeth
the Queen Mother to invite
..... to the ceremony
of the marriage of Her
Royal Highness the Princess
Margaret with Mr Antony
Armstrong-Jones in West-
minster Abbey on May 6 at
11.30 a.m."

Does this mean that Mr Arm-
strong-Jones will stay plain
Mister after his wedding? Not
necessarily.

Prince Philip was styled
"Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten,
Royal Navy" on the invitations
to the Queen's wedding.

His royal dukedom and other
honours were conferred on him
by King George VI on the eve of
the wedding.

The invitations are in the
copperplate hand of Mr Wilfred
Edwards, a 63-year-old former
civil servant in the War Office
and one of Britain's top calli-
graphists.

UNKNOWN

ALTHOUGH Mr Alan Lennox-
Boyd has said he will be
resigning his parliamentary seat,
he has not said when he will
do so. I wonder if it will be
before December 7?

This is a significant date. It
is his son Simon's 21st birthday.
And it has often been said
in mid-Bedfordshire, Lennox-
Boyd's constituency, that he
would like his son to follow him
there, just as Simon's cousin,
Paul Channon, followed his
father, the late Henry Channon,
at Southend.

His friends

Simon Lennox-Boyd is at
present on holiday in Italy. He
has taken a party of friends
to stay with his godmother,
writer and explorer Freya
Starks.

One of them is Miss Fiona
Ford, a pretty, 17-year-old
debutante who is at a finishing
school in Florence.

The others are her step-
brother, Mr Ian Dunlop, and
one of her school friends,
Miss Ford's parents, Colonel
and Mrs James Ford, who live
in Berkshire, are also in Italy—
inspecting their daughter's
school.

Sir Campbell, who has never
remarried, tells me: "We have
always been most concerned
about each other's health, even
since our divorce. If my former
wife was taken ill, I would not
hesitate—I would fly to help
her, wherever she was."
His ex-wife was born the
Princess Helene-Marie de la
Tremouille, daughter of a French
duke.

Her first husband was the Duc
de la Roche. Then she married
Sir Campbell. Two years after
her divorce from the baronet she
married Major Mark Culme-
Seymour. Their marriage was
disclosed in 1949.

During the past few weeks
she has been living in a London
hotel, under the name of Lady
Mitchell-Cotts. She flew to
France on Friday, carrying with
her a casket of flowers from
Sir Campbell. After a tour of
the Continent she expects to
return to England in the early
summer.

Says Sir Campbell: "My ex-
wife and I have always remained
close friends. She pulled me
through my illness. I am deeply
grateful to her. When she re-
turns to England we will meet
again—often."

Could there be a permanent
reconciliation? Says Sir Cam-
pell (Motto: "Forward trusting
in God"): "That is a matter
for prayer, and the answer must
remain between God and our-
selves. I can say no more. Only
that I will be seeing my former
wife again very soon. She is a
wonderful woman."

KIND THOUGHT

WHAT a kindly thought on
the part of 80-year-old
bachelor Cambridge don the
Rev. Frederick Simpson. He has
endowed Trinity College with
£1,000.

"It is to provide a double
ticket for the May Ball for any
young married fellow who can-
not afford to go; and to provide
sherry at the college high table,"
Mr Simpson tells me. A May
Ball double ticket cost £12 12s.

POOR BEER

PRINCE WILLIAM OF
GLOUCESTER, who is 18,
has left Eton. He celebrated
the end of the happiest days of
his life with beer in the school
Tap, the college's licensed club.
But most of the champagne
drank at the Tap are sober types.
"The beer needs a tonic," an old
boy told me.

The barmen is Regimental
Quartermaster-Sergeant Lewis
Molton, who look over with his
wife But two months ago Mr
Molton was in the Grenadier
Guards for 22 years.

Prince William's housemaster,
Mr F. J. R. Coleridge, said:
"Most boys give a present when
they leave the school. It is
usually a book. I don't know yet
what Prince William has for
me."

Prince William goes on to
Cambridge in the autumn after
a skiing holiday in Switzerland
and another holiday in Italy.
After Cambridge his father's
old regiment, the 10th Royal
Hussars.

Still at Eton is Prince Wil-
lam's brother Richard. He has
another two years to do.

William
HickeyThe Butlers
backed
Merryman

WHATEVER his opinion of
the race, I can report that
the Home Secretary, Mr R. A.
Butler, returned from the Grand
National a happy man. Both he
and Mrs Butler, who went to
Aintree with him—backed the
winner, Merryman II.

How much they had on the
horse they will not say. But it
was sufficient to cover the ex-
penses of their two days' racing.

From their home at Halstead,
Essex, their son, Mr Richard
Butler, told me: "My father
had a good win and so did Mrs
Butler."

"They had one or two revers-
es on the other races, but they
broke even at the end of the
day. So it was a most successful
and enjoyable visit to the Grand
National."

The Butlers stayed on Friday
and Saturday with Lord and
Lady Sefton. Mr Butler was
seeing his first Grand National
as a result of continuing com-
plaints that the race is "crucel."

I feel that in view of this
happy day out we shall be see-
ing more of Mr Butler at Ain-
tree. Next year perhaps. When
he can go purely for pleasure
and really have a fling.

Mrs Mirabel Topham,
Aintree's owner, was happy too.
Not only had Mr Butler com-
plimented her on the excellent
manner in which the race was
run. But having cast a quick
look at the takings on Saturday
she was able to say that in spite
of television, attendances were
very "slightly down" on last
year.

She said: "The race will be
television next year under the
three-year agreement we arrived
at with the B.B.C."

TO GIRTON

QUEEN INGRID of Denmark is
sending her eldest daughter,
Princess Margrethe, 19, to Cam-
bridge this autumn. She will go
to Girton College and read
Prehistoric Archaeology.

There was some talk of the
princess studying at the Sor-
bonne for a year, but Queen
Ingrid prefers Cambridge.

Princess Margrethe, heiress to
the Danish throne, has already
had part of her education in
England—at North Foreland
Lodge, near Buxingstoke.

OH, WHAT AN
EYE-OPENER
FOR MOTHER
IS SUSAN'S
FIRST NOVEL!

A TOP London publishing house believes it has "discovered" a British
Francoise Sagan. She is an 18-year-old schoolgirl. And she has
written a first novel "The Enclosure" that has the literary experts fore-
casting a substantial success.

It is startlingly precocious—it tells of a married woman who runs away
with a young actor-producer, a man of violent moods and passions, and of the dis-
solution of their affair. "A study in self-deception," says the blurb.

It is astonishingly mature. And Hutchinson's, the publishers, are so sure
that their authoress will flourish that they have already paid her a substantial
sum in advance of royalties and taken the option on her next two books.

Visit to Dean

PRINCESS MARGARET and
Tony Armstrong-Jones visit-
ed the Dean of Westminster,
Dr Eric Abbott, the other
evening to listen for nearly an
hour to a selection of choral
music sung by the Abbey choir,
and to discuss arrangements for
their wedding.

Mr Armstrong-Jones drove
the Princess to the Abbey in his
car after tea, and the couple
spent some time in the Dean's
drawing-room, drinking a glass
of sherry and discussing the
order of service. Then they
walked through the cloisters to
the Abbey choir school.

There 12 men and 22 boys
sang a selection of hymns and
anthems from which the wedding
music will be chosen.

The choir wore red cassocks,
and the boys freshly starched
white ruffs.

NEW POST

COLONEL JAMES BOWES-
LYON, Grenadier Guards, a
cousin of the Queen, has been
appointed senior military at-
tache to General Sir Francis
Festing, Staff of the Imperial
General Staff. He takes over his
appointment this month.

Last week he told me: "I
have been spending this week
with the C.I.G.S. and have
more or less taken over. Next
week I shall be returning to
Germany to hand over to my
successor."

"Colonel Jimmy," as he is
known to brother officers, has
commanded the Grenadier
Guards in Germany for three
years.

He is married to the former
Mary de Trafford, daughter of
Sir Humphrey de Trafford.

He takes over half-way
through the C.I.G.S.'s three-
year term of office. And with
18 months to run, there is talk
of Sir Francis Festing's suc-
cessor.

Two names currently men-
tioned in Whitehall: Lieut-
Colonel Sir James Cassels,
director of emergency operations
in Malaya, and Lieut-General
Sir Richard Hull, C-in-C. Far
East Land Forces, and a pre-
vious Deputy C.I.G.S.

No cars

Unlike Miss Sagan (whose
work she treats with scorn any-
way), Miss Hill has not yet
reached the age of fast cars and
cynical conversation.

In fact, she lives with her
parents in a small flat and has
produced all her work—she
has written a play as well—
with a ball-point pen in her
bedroom.

She wears green golfing socks,
thick sweater, a man's wrist-
watch, and a nuclear disarma-
ment badge. She is devastatingly
frank—particularly about her
fellow-authors.

"I wrote my novel spasmodi-
cally," she says. "Sometimes I'd
spend an hour, sometimes five
on it. I've wanted to write since
I was 13, planned the novel at
15, and had written it by the
time I was 17. The ideas just
came."

No smoking

She goes on to say that she
dislikes smoking, TV, the
cinema, the thought of living
in Paris, and Colin Wilson
(intensely). Likes the theatre
(and helps backstage locally),
Graham Greene, cricket, home-
work, and short hair. And, of
course, Sir Laurence.

Finally she says: "Even my
parents do not know what is in
my novel. I would rather not
one reads it until it is published.
Though I am certainly not
making money out of a lot of
it."

Nevertheless, I cannot help
thinking that there are going to
be some rare scenes at the
breakfast table the day the book
comes out.

HIS MARK

THE face is
familiar. But
the finger-
print is not.
It was taken
during the
owner's visit
to Scotland
Yard recent-
ly. Who was
he? Answer:
Prince Philip.

60 resign

THE recent resignation of the
Marquis of Queensberry
(who said he could find a better
lunch in the Royal College of
Art, where he is a professor of
ceramics) is not the end of the
difficulties at the St. James's
Club.

In the past weeks, I hear more
than 60 members have resigned.
There have been some harsh
criticisms, some aimed at the
food, others at the subscription,
which was recently increased
from £25 to £42.

Some of the resigning mem-
bers have talked of the club
being run "on British Railways
lines."

The chairman, Major Sher-
man Storer, tells me: "It is
true that some 60 have resigned
but that is something the com-
mittee anticipated when the sub-
scription was raised. In fact, we
expected more."

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE two men who leaped
on to the track and joined
in a greyhound race at
Walthamstow were doubtless
impelled by the present
enthusiasm for taking part in
every kind of race.

We shall soon have the entire
population of towns surging
along the roads in the wake of
walkers, skaters, women on
stilts, men in electric wheel-
barrows, on skis and toboggans,
in tin baths on wheels and so
on. All I hope is that audiences
will rush on to the stage to join
in a ballet or into the ring to
convert a boxing match into a
free-for-all. "This readiness is
a sign of superb vitality,"
said a man who had crawled on
all fours from St. Neots to
Nunclaton.

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gourmets**

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canned Continental foods, such
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(Financial Times)

In passing
I ALWAYS laugh (but
courteously, in my modish
sleeve) when I am confronted
by pictures of "the most
beautiful women in Europe."
They are always the same
handful of over-publicised, well-
known women. Within five
minutes, in my street of
Waterford, Cork, Dublin, Gal-
way, Limerick, or any other
Irish town, anyone could select
a score of lovely girls, vivacious
and un-self-conscious, who would
make the "beauties" who are
photographed into a stupor look
like a row of stale nut-
puddings.

**Grappling with
potentialities**
I heard suggestion that the Coal
Board should be merged in a
newly-created Railway Board,
to avoid mudlarks and dolley
might be described as killing
two ostriches with one rock.
What the poor little Egg
Board alone to be excluded
from the scheme?

(London Express Service)

Whether he be a sinner or no,
I know not, one thing I know,
that, whereas I was blind, now
I see—John 9:25.
He who knows one thing cer-
tainly is on a safer foundation
than he who has a world of
partial or incorrect information.
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RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m. For the Very
Young: compiled by Mavis;
5.45. Listen and Teach. Part
2—A. "Bells, Bells, Bells";
6.00. News of the Week; 6.15.
6.30. The Archers; 6.45.
6.55. Schools Musical Festival—
Excerpts from Prize winners
concerts—presented by Irene Xuan; 7.15.
7.30. News; 7.45. The Man
in the Grey Hat; 7.55. Schubert
Piano Concerto; 8.00.
8.15. Commentaries; 8.30. Mainly for
Middlebrows—presented by Stephen
Alexander; 8.45. Arthur Whittmore
and Jack Lowe (duo-pianists); 9.
9.15. The Opera-Oriole (Verdi Act 3,
Part 2); 9.30. Handel's Messiah—
Robert Shaw (choir); 9.45.
9.55. Commentaries; 10.00. News
from Britain; 10.15. Life With
The Lyons "Teddy Trouble" (Repeats);
10.45. Personal Choice—Australian
Poems selected and read by Peter
Finch; 10.50. Weather; 11. Time
Broadcast; 11.15. Good-
night Music; 11.30. Close Down.

COMMERCIAL RADIO

5 p.m. Commentaries of The
Day—Maureen de Pina; 5.15. News
from Britain; 5.30. Background;
5.45. For the Ladies—presented by
Moynagh; 6.00. Weather; 6.15.
6.30. The Archers; 6.45. The
Man in the Grey Hat; 6.55. The
Opera-Oriole; 7.00. News; 7.15.
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Ex-HK soldier makes hit

GARY MARSHALL IS NEW SINGING STAR IN LONDON

By COLIN RICKARDS

A public-schoolboy who first sang in a Hongkong nightclub has hit British show business in a big way with his first record. He is tall, good looking Gary Marshall, 26.

It was a chance singing engagement that started Gary on a show business career. One of those rare opportunities that can change a man's life. Without it he might have stayed in the Army.

It was 1955, Southampton-born Gary was a lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Signals stationed in Hongkong. In his spare time he was a jazz programme compere and disc jockey for a commercial radio station there.

Then, arranging a programme with Filipino jazz musicians in Hongkong's "Blue Heaven" club, he was persuaded to sing with the quintet. In Hongkong, he sang under his real name, Gary Crook.



GARY MARSHALL

"At first I didn't want to," said Gary. "But I thoroughly enjoyed it, and so, apparently, did the patrons. From then on I sang fairly regularly there and decided to try and get into serious show business."

"That first song was 'Don't Blame Me' and I count it as being a very lucky one for me." Gary's interest in "pop" music and jazz stems from that first break at the "Blue Heaven."

SANG HYMNS

"I grew up in a rather secular public school and only sang hymns and classical music until I was 17," he told me. "I first became conscious of popular music when I went to Sandhurst and of jazz when I was in Korea."

After Korea, he was posted to Japan and then to Hongkong where he began working for a radio station. Then came the singing engagements.

"This was quickly halted by the Army," he laughed. "One of the majors came to the club and

heard me sing. He liked it. But the next day I was on the mat in front of the colonel and that ended the singing."

In Hongkong, too, Gary met an American girl named Shirley who worked for an airline. They were married. Now they have a year-old son, Jamie, and are expecting another baby in May.

When he came out of the Army, Gary sang in London night clubs, appeared in television musical programmes and straight plays and modelled commercial television advertisements.

"The night clubs were hard, the commercials were hell, but the singing, well that was just great," said Gary. "I was learning all the time. In fact, I still am."

Now his first record—"Oh You Beautiful Doll"—is on the record charts and doing well. The ex-soldier from Hongkong is on the way up—London Express Service.

Taipei tells HK to give aid only to refugees

Taipei, Apr. 8.
Relief officials here yesterday urged the Hong-kong Government to use all the money raised during World Refugee Year for refugees only.

Mr Ku Cheng-kun, chairman of the Free China Relief Association, and Mr Fang Chih, Secretary-General of the same organisation, said they would consider it "unreasonable and illogical" for the Hongkong Government to use any part of the fund to improve the welfare of Hongkong residents in general as the British Colony was reported planning to do.

Mr Ku said he learned from different sources that the colony planned to use the money not as direct aid for the refugees, but to finance

different social welfare projects which will benefit non-refugee residents as well. "Refugees," Mr Fang said, "are persons who fled from their countries to seek refuge from political persecution. The Hongkong Government just cannot classify the Chinese who went to Hongkong voluntarily before the fall of the mainland as refugees."

Mr Fang said he learned that the colony is using the money raised by the World Refugee Year to launch various projects chiefly designed to develop the colony.

BASIC PROBLEM

He said refugees might be employed as labourers in these projects, but that would not solve the basic problem of their livelihood permanently.

"I am afraid that on day when the projects are completed and the money used, the refugees will remain refugees in need," he added.

Both officials urged that the Hongkong Government consult representatives of other relief organisations in the colony for more effective use of the fund.—UPI.

COMING SOON!



Government dragon hunt

Port Moresby, Apr. 7.
The Papua-New Guinea administration is to go hunting dragons.

An administration spokesman said a reward would be offered for the tree-climbing dragons, dead or alive.

The reports of the "dragons," said to grow 20-feet long with huge claws, have come from scattered coastal areas of the territory.

A patrol officer said recently that he had seen native drawings of the dragons and he believed that the beasts could be Komona dragons which are thought to exist only on the Javanese island of Komona.

However, the Government anthropologist in Port Moresby said today that he doubted very much whether the dragons existed.

A FIGMENT

He said that no European had ever seen one, and he thought they were just a figment of the native mind as they do not appear in native legends. The reports of the dragons had aroused interest in the Territories Department in Canberra, the administration spokesman said, and an advertisement would be inserted in a native publication offering a reward for the capture of a dragon dead or alive.—China Mail Special.

Wrong side up

Sydney, Apr. 7.
The Australian artist, William Dobell, is again involved in a controversy—but this time as a judge and not as an artist.

He recently painted a controversial portrait of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, which appeared on the cover of Time magazine. Last Monday he was one of three judges for art prizes at the Sydney Royal Show, and today one of the entrants, a Frenchwoman, claimed that her entry had been judged after being hung the wrong way around.

NOT ABSTRACT

Officials who hung the entries claimed that the woman's live-foot high painting, entitled "Industry," was abstract.

However, she said today that the painting was not abstract. "If you put it on its feet, the machinery functions perfectly," she said.

Dobell was not available today for comment.—China Mail Special.

BOAC BACK

London, Apr. 7.
The British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today that services to Cairo, suspended since October of 1956, will be resumed, starting on Sunday.

The announcement said that Comet IV jet airliners will stop at Cairo on flights between London and points in Pakistan, India and the Far East.—Reuter.

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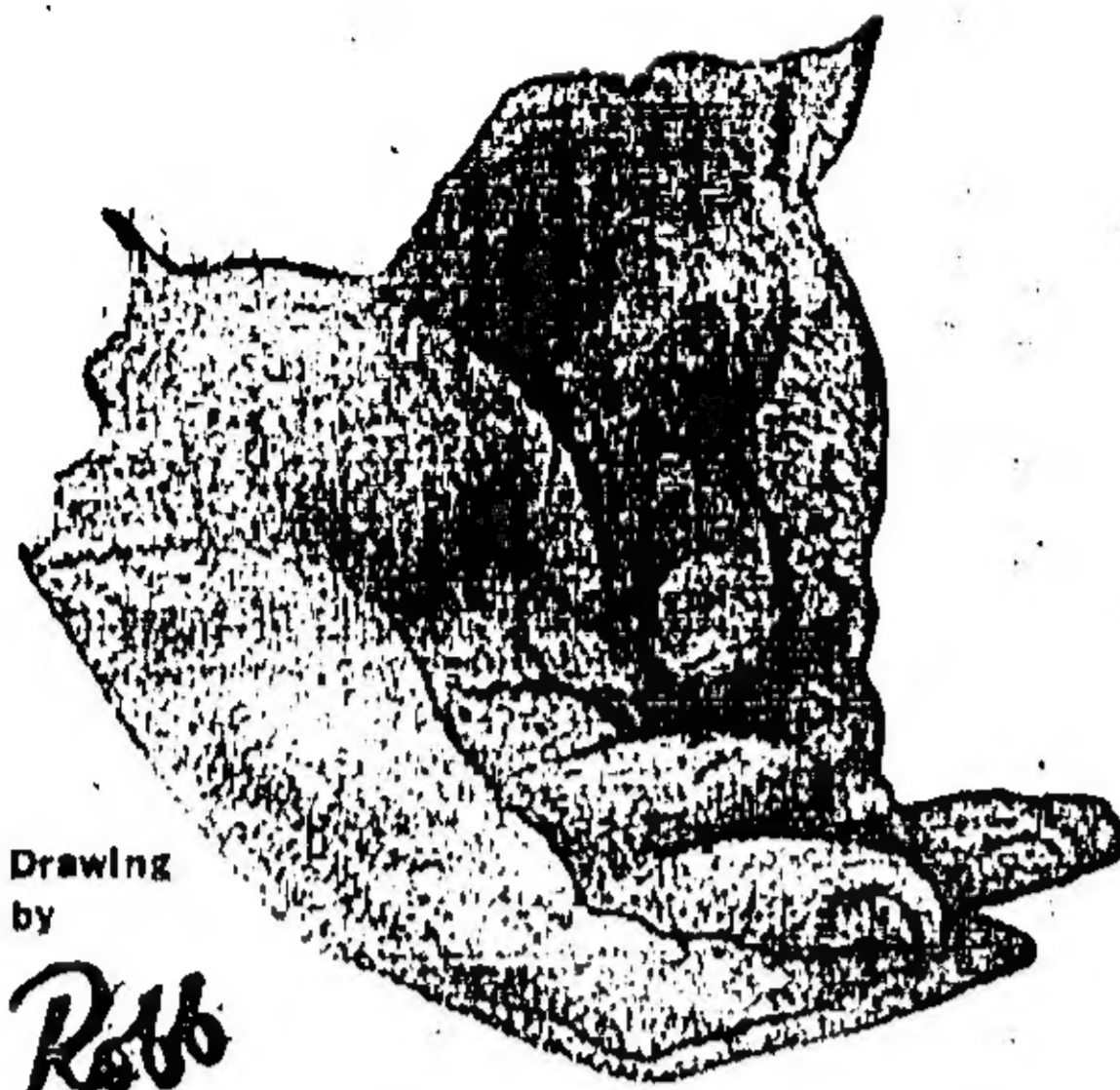
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Why?

We all know
this now
very familiar
hands-behind-
the-back habit
—but WHY?



IT'S really becoming an international joke, this rigid hands-clasped-behind-the-back posture adopted by male members of the royal circle.

Last month, the French magazine Paris-Match carried three pages of pictures showing that from George V to Prince Charles it is "the thing" for a royal male to do, whether walking, talking, or standing still.

And finally there was a giant photograph taken from behind Tony Armstrong-Jones when he is leaning forward with hands linked somewhere round the small of his back. Trumpet the headlines: "Tony's O.K."

Well, you can hardly blame anyone who takes this hunched, self-effacing stance as the mark of O-K-ness.

From his very first pictures with Princess Margaret—taken the day after the engagement announcement—Mr Armstrong-Jones revealed himself an eager disciple of the Prince Philip pose.

A tradition

Since then—whether at the opera or the races—he hasn't let up.

But whereas his future brother-in-law can get away with it, I'm afraid Mr Armstrong-Jones can't. Maybe it's his slender build, maybe it's his modest height, maybe it's his utter - day informality but there's some-

PILOT CAN SIT BACK AND WATCH

By PETER WOON

COMET jets are to be test-landed without their pilots over touching the controls.

Their crews will sit back and fold arms as they speed into Bedford Airfield and touch down at 120 miles an hour.

Flying the power jets will be "George the Second"—the completely automatic, look-no-hands system developed by Bedford's Blind Landing Experimental Unit—proved in over 4,000 touch-downs with Varsity and Canberra aircraft and already ordered for the R.A.F.

Revolutionary

Now the Minister of Aviation, Mr Duncan Sandys, who is anxious to bring the revolutionary benefits of the system to civil flying, has instructed that Comets should be used.

Chosen for the task are two Ministry of Aviation aircraft that have been used to prepare the Comet 4's for service with B.O.A.C. and B.E.A.

They will be fitted out with the radio-ultimeter and computing equipment that provides automatic landing for an extra weight of only 100lb, and a cost of about £5,000.

The radio-ultimeter gives the correct rate of descent, throttles back the engines and "kicks off" any drift caused by wind.

Magnetic leader cables, buried along the edges of the runway, feed information into the aircraft computers, which keep it heading for the centre of the runway.

Safety

This is the system to end the hazards of fog and bad weather and to bring much greater safety to flying—for 80 per cent of all air accidents are at landing.

Britain's new generation of jets, the DH121 for B.E.A., and the VC10 for B.O.A.C., are both being fitted with the radio-ultimeter part of the system.

And it is the Comets, expected to start their operations at Bedford in the autumn, which will pave the way.

(London Express Service).

thing unnatural and self-conscious about Mr Armstrong-Jones' chatting gaily without a Celtic show of hands.

Anyway, why does he do it? Why do they all do it? My own theory is that it stems from the strong naval tradition running through the House of Mountbatten-Windsor.

I called on several likely sources to support me. Not all of them did. Here is what they said.

No ideal

BUCKINGHAM PALACE: "We've absolutely no ideal. Well, it may be a custom but it's much more likely to be a purely personal idiosyncrasy."

ANGUS McBEAN, photographer: "Surely it's because the ordinary man often puts his hands in his pockets and this would be the ultimate sin on a formal occasion."

"This stance avoids the temptation. It's not very nice to see, but it is a way out of a pitiful and difficult. Me? No, I'd never ask anyone to pose for a photograph with his hands behind his back—unless it were a girl and I wanted to show off her figure."

THE ADMIRALTY: "Yes, naval officers do tend to stand that way—it is, you might say, quite customary in the Navy without being a naval custom."

A tip

"Probably Prince Philip picked it up during his days at sea. Why? Well, one is discouraged from putting one's hands in one's pockets and what else can you do—other than let them hang down at your side like a pair of great hams?"

"But it's not a great naval tradition—like carrying a telescope under the left arm so that the right is free to salute..."

ROBB, who drew the hands above: "It may well be a tip passed on in royal circles for concealing one's nervousness in front of a crowd. When you think about it, most public speakers have some gimmick—they pull their left ear, play with their tie or cling to their lapels, and in the old days sticking your thumbs in your waistcoat was the thing, so why not this?"

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA: "It's unlikely it has anything to do with nervousness or public speaking. After all, naval officers have always walked the quarter-deck with hands behind the back—it's an unwritten law—and it's probably something passed on to Armstrong-Jones by Prince Philip."

"Though whereas the Prince does it with such a

relaxed look (he's obviously done it for years), Armstrong-Jones pulls his arms so far back it looks uncomfortable..."

KILGOUR FRENCH AND STANBURY, tailors: "When a man like Armstrong-Jones is elevated to a position like that it must be similar to an actor on a stage—he doesn't know where to put his hands—so one would imagine that he found it best to copy Prince Philip."

"His clothes? A well-cut suit should be able to take that attitude—it all depends on the pitch of the sleeves—and any first-class tailor would bear such a habit in mind..."

A spy-glass

GODFREY WINN: "I always do the same thing with my arms if I'm inspecting a factory or walking in front of a lot of people—on an occasion like that you can't put your hands in your pockets and if you just let your arms hang you look like a dummy, and if you let them swing you look like a soldier marching."

"Yes, I think I learned it in the Navy. The officer on watch always walks up and down the quarter-deck with his hands behind his back." He chuckled. "You know, the only thing Tony hasn't got now is a spy-glass."

A HARLEY STREET PSYCHOLOGIST: "I don't think there's anything psychological about it, just purely practical. When people are under scrutiny they don't know what to do with their hands, and this is a means of assuring they won't look awkward or divert public attention with a lot of gestures."

"Mind you, whereas the Prince looks quite at home, Armstrong-Jones gives the impression of having been told to walk this way and is probably a lot more uncomfortable than I left to his own devices."

"Though when you consider the stance it's really only the equivalent of standing-at-ease in the Army..."

Well, what do you think?

IN SEARCH

OF A CASTLE...

FILM producer Ivan Foxwell tells a neat story of when Van Johnson was a house-guest at his country home.

It seems that Mr Johnson wanted to see a real old English castle but the closest

Mr Foxwell could get was the real old English mansion belonging to the Duke of Beaufort.

He phoned the duke, explaining Mr Johnson's request, and asked if they might drive over for a look round. The duke not only agreed but invited them to lunch.

After a guided tour of the grounds they re-entered the house by a long hallway hung with ancestral paintings. Van Johnson gazed at them in wonder.

"Say, it's just like at the studios in Hollywood," he breathed. "The foyers are lined with pictures of the top stars. Why, would you believe it? The exclamation, stopping before one. 'There's Basil Rathbone!'"

"That," corrected the Duke of Beaufort, "is Charles the First."

WOMAN

IN TRAINING...

ONE to fox the "What's My Line?" experts is Mrs Florence Krumpke, a trim young brunette from Chicago. For Mrs K. is a professional bowler.

Why? "Because my husband wanted me to work," she cracked. "And the money's good." (Around £25,000 a year.)

But Mrs K. is also a housewife and, as such, has found a new angle on the classic problem of combining a career and the domestic chores. She keeps in training by swinging a flat-iron back and forth, then aims it at the sofa and lets fly.

"It's great for my co-ordination," she says.

But a bit hard on the soft furnishings?

AFTER TEN

LONG YEARS...

COUTURIER Hardy Amies is back on the wood again after 10 years' absence.

I sat next to him at a dinner given for French designer Michael Gohm and noticed him puffing rather unhappily at a cigarette.

"Isn't it awful," he sighed, "ten years—then then the other day I suddenly found myself smoking almost unconsciously."

His cigarette stubbed, Mr Amies was offered another. "No, thank you—I'll wait for the cigars," he said.

Ah, me! The pleasures of the palate.

(London Express Service).



"I suppose you realise this is a non-smoker, mate?"

London Express Service

Trouble in the Isles of Boom

Something dangerous is stirring in Paradise for tourists



From RENE MacCOLL: Nassau, Bahamas, Thursday

THE Bahamas Islands are in a state of wild and wonderful boom. Into this sunny British Colony there swirls a swelling torrent of American tourists—275,000 of them are expected this year, compared with 32,000 only a decade ago.

Property values are leaping—on Bay Street, the famous business section of Nassau, choice sites can set you back from £1,000 to £3,000 a frontage foot.

There is no tax on either income or capital gains, and no inheritance tax on land.

"Trade wind"

So snug a situation in a generally tax-ridden world has meant that hundreds of overseas companies, many with famous names, have incorporated subsidiaries here.

Is there then no flaw in this superb picture, this tourist Nirvana of coral beaches and turquoise sea?

Yes, alas, there is. What Mr Macmillan might call a "trade wind of change" is blowing around here. It has brought one of the worst and most insidious of the evils which plague our world—race hatred.

(London Express Service).

For many years past the Bahamas were effectively run by a small group of ruthlessly single-minded business men known as "the Bay Street Boys."

But although coloured Bahamians are well paid in comparison with the working masses in the other islands of the Caribbean area, their living conditions are more often than not pretty wretched.

So that's Irritant No. 1—the black "have nots" resentful about the white "haves."

The situation "should" have been eased in 1958 when the respected newspaper editor Etheno Dupuch (rhymes with "hooch") succeeded in putting an end to race discrimination in public places. But suspicion and dislike of the "boys" persisted.

In 1953 they had been almost for the first time seriously proved to be a floridly handsome pale-skinned man in his early forties with only faintly

Liberal Party, virtually all-Negro, made its appearance. That is Irritant No. 2: a black opposition party sniping away at a white governing party for time in forming the United Bahamian Party to counter the P.L.P.

Ugly

Irritant number three, by far the ugliest, proved to be a deliberate campaign of racial defiance unleashed and fostered by Cyril Stephenson, member of the Colony's House of Assembly and general secretary of the P.L.P.

Mr Stephenson, in his pleasant living-room above the offices of the weekly newspaper which he edits with such vigour, proved to be a floridly handsome pale-skinned man in his early forties with only faintly

discernible Negro facial characteristics. He smiles easily and often. His pretty wife is white and hails from England.

'Dictator'

"They call me a would-be dictator," said Stephenson. "They say I aspire to be another Nkrumah. It is not so."

"Do we want foreign independence for the Bahamas? No, no. We rely on Britain too much. But we do want to be fully in charge of our own internal affairs."

"Now what about all this racial incident?" I asked. Stephenson smiled and waved his hand. "Ah," he said, "when you're running for office you have to say a few things you may not strictly mean."

Over now to Bay Street and into the office of one of the leading "Boys," Foster Clarke, a lawyer, elegant, relaxed, pleasant, murmured: "Let's face it—we are outnumbered. We consider the racial hatred fostered by our opponents to be utterly detestable."

Any truth in the reports that some powerful Bay Streeters talk of seceding to the U.S?

Not yet, says Clarke. Apart from anything else, the Bahamas would find themselves loaded with stiff taxes.

"But anyway 98 per cent of us in this Colony—white or coloured—are satisfied with their British heritage and connection. We could not survive without her."

(London Express Service).

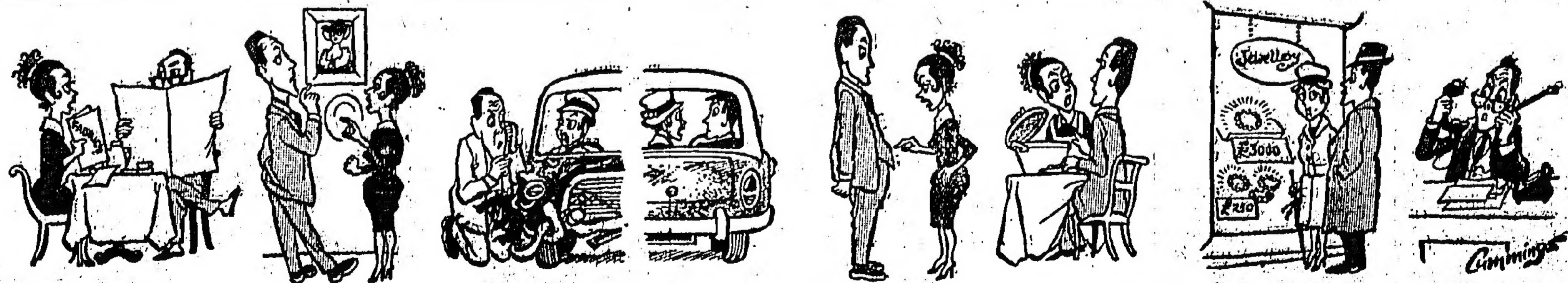
TALKING POINTS

A brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself.

—LISA KIRK.

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

—THOMAS PAINE.



He is criticised for not talking enough interest in the house...

But if he suggests—may a picture in the whole place he is even more criticized.

If he is upset about a minor scratch on the car, he is criticized.

But if he falls to clean it, he is casual.

He is censured for putting on weight.

But if he fails to eat all his wife's cooking he is again censured.

If he is under a cloud for not earning more money.

But if he stays late at the office, cultivating an ulcer, he's in trouble for leaving his wife alone!

London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

by ELIZABETH DICKSON

THIS NEW LOOK IN LINGERIE THAT IS A FASHION STORY IN ITSELF . . .

LONDON.

UNLIKE American women, who happily spend small fortunes building up a lingerie wardrobe, and Frenchwomen, who have always known that what goes underneath is as vital as what goes on top—the Englishwoman is driven by sheer necessity to buy a new bra or girdle. Hence the sad garment she discards once in six months.

But the outlook is changing. And one of the chief reasons is the launching of colours.

In the coupon days it was considered dashing to own a peach-coloured cotton bra. Today, peach has completely vanished, and with it cotton—except for high summer and hot climates—to be replaced by such enticements as gentian, midnight blue and pink champagne.

And of course there's nothing like the power of that old black magic. Nylon, Perlon and Brylcreme are the current best-selling fabrics.

Streamlined

To find out more about the change-over in colour, I talked to Peter Craig-Haymond, managing director of a Swiss

corsets firm which operates a sales of 700 different lingerie lines in 58 countries.

He is the man responsible for launching the new Guineas Glamour Bra—whose trial sales in four colours have proved successful in the last month that he has already introduced two more shades, originally planned for the autumn. To cope with the colour demand he has started a 24-hour delivery service. The stock? Over 300,000 bras.

"Fashion has influenced the look in foundation garments so much in the last five years that today's shape is as streamlined as a swimmer," he said.

"Where just after the war the garment was functional, today



PICTURE BY JOHN COLE.

This model girl wears a black lace evening bra lined in rose pink nylon, and over her girdle, a can-can petticoat of black nylon lace.

it manages to look beautiful as well.

"A team of four fashion experts work solely on the shape of next season's clothes to find what it will demand from the girdle and bra."

Family

THE newest way to choose a foundation wardrobe is to buy a "family." This includes a daytime bra, waislength decollete bra, evening basque, girdle, pantie girdle, and suspender belt.

Prettiest of these is in ruched nylon, studded with ribbon and embroidered with flowers. The most sophisticated is in black and pink lace.

Choosing a foundation family is copying a method from America, and in spite of pretty ideas that are found in the shops from France, Switzerland and Italy, the British manufacturers still keep a respectful eye on the American designs.

What about the other new basic fashion trends?

Taking over from the chit-chat, the boudoir, a liaison, delicate bra and girdle has been designed.

It was launched on the first day of spring, and is a light-weight girdle splashed with pink roses. For evening there is a new basque minus the bra which is called a crinoline.

Two uses

THIS garment—its name recalls the Victorian era—has two uses: it claims to give a high Dior decollete when worn solo—under a strapless, boned party dress, and banishes every hint of a bulge when worn as a corset with any ordinary bra—reducing the waist by about an inch.

This basque is front fastening and trimmed with lured threads.

The latest pre-shaped bra dismisses the faint air of ridicule that was synonymous with the padded bra.

Gone is the bolstered foam rubber, the dubious shape. New this season is the fine layer of firmness built into almost every bra up to an outside, and the padded bra is now re-named the "pre-shape plus."

It is estimated that 20 per cent of bras sold in this country are pre-shaped. In America it is 80 per cent.

COLOUR: It can make a room

seem
big or
small

by H. Edward
Newman

TO make a room look larger use a light colour. Dark or strong intense colours are aggressive and would tend to close in the walls of a room. Light colours achieve the opposite effect.

For this reason you will find that white and light colours are largely used on the walls of the Ideal Home award winning houses.

In some rooms a darker colour may appear in a small quantity as on one wall but it will be relieved by a greater use of lightness in other materials used against it or in the colours of the furnishing.

No scheme, however, can consist of light coloured walls alone. The main colour in each scheme of decoration will be found to be something cheerful. The contrast colour which is necessary in every scheme to keep the main colour alive is very often a blue or a green. Where blue may be a main colour an orange or another red shade has been used as contrast, sometimes as soft as a peach colour.

The point is that where this main colour or the contrast is strong or intense it is used in much smaller quantities than the light neutral such as white which is popular for the walls.

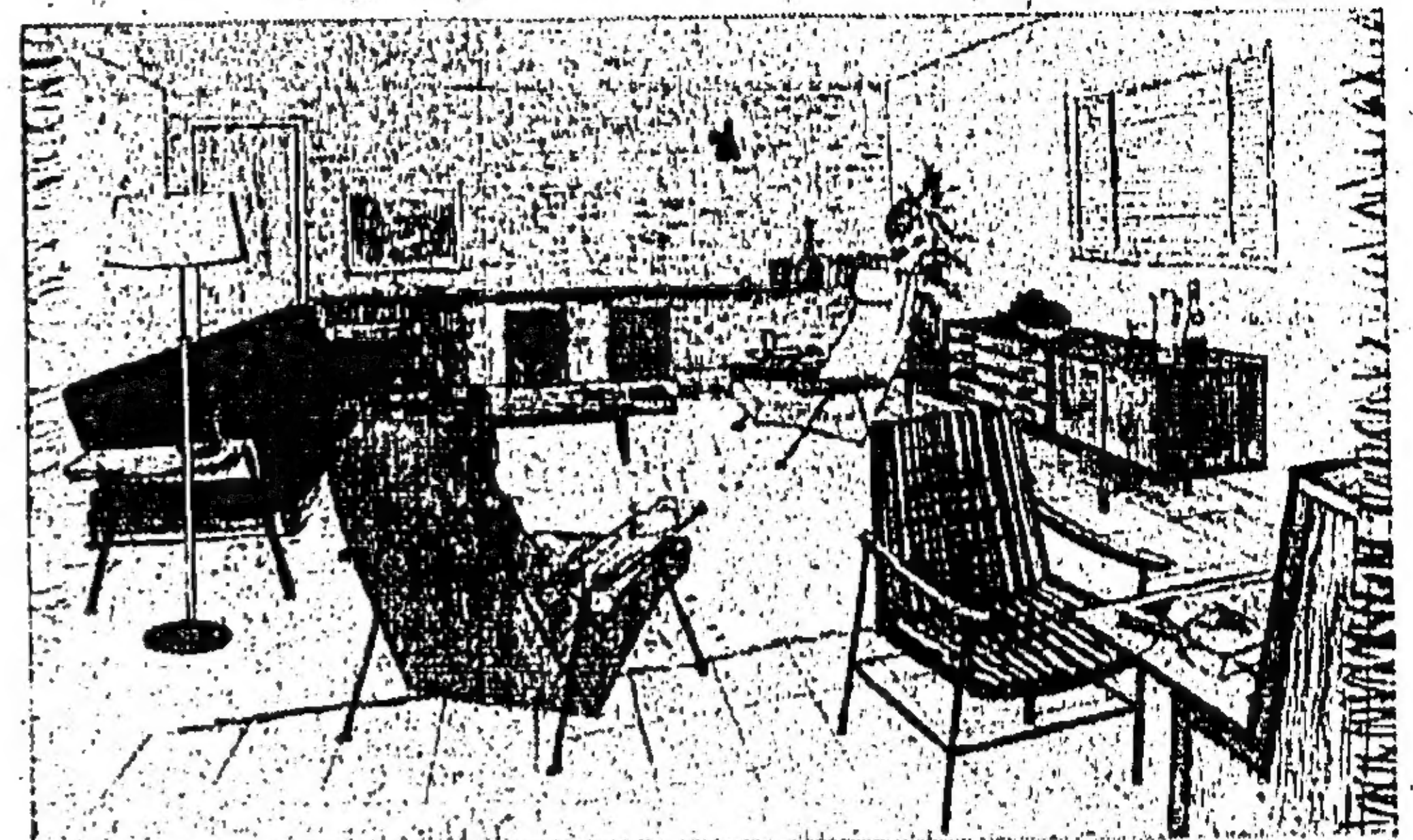
The light neutral generally predominates and it is this more than anything that helps the scheme of decoration to create an effect of space.

This consideration of colour includes of course not only the walls, but the floor, ceilings, curtains and the chair covers.

ONLY PART

COLOUR is however only part of a scheme on decoration. Quite as important is the pattern which may be chosen for wallpapers, fabrics or carpets.

Just as too much strong colour can make a small room look small so can large and



Typifying the new long, low look in interior design: this scheme was produced for the Award House designed by Peter Ball. An off-white Indian carpet covers a wood block floor. Along the hearth, saffron, pink and lilac floor cushions.

aggressive patterns have the same effect. Where most schemes of decoration go wrong today is in the excessive use of a variety of patterns in one room.

RIGHT SIZE

FURNITURE makes the greatest physical demand on space. It needs to be chosen therefore with full regard to the size of the room and in a small room must be as small as you can have it compatible with comfort.

Today, more than ever before, it is possible to obtain quite slim easy chairs which give the same amount of comfort as the older chair fully upholstered and occupying sometimes as much as another twelve inches in width and depth.

The trend is for furniture less restricted to one purpose, and more useful for several. From a practical point of view this is a tremendous asset when one needs to rearrange rooms, or when it is necessary to move house.

Artificial lighting throughout has also been planned by the interior designer. Lamps are adjustable wherever they need be for the purposes for which they have to serve.

The designers have not been content to accept one central pendant light for each room. Such lighting would need to be at least as powerful as a number of standard lamps if it is the only source of light, and would, therefore, consume as much current as adjustable standard lamps. Moreover, the standard lamp is more effective in the scheme of decoration.

(London Express Service).

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Interference from an unexpected quarter may cause you to change your plans for putting a pet scheme into immediate action.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): An associate's hidden motive may prove an obstacle to your own progress. Be careful in your dealings with him.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't spoil a carefully considered plan with a rash action prompted by over enthusiasm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Even though a certain person has not acted very loyally to you, you should suppress your strong desire to put obstacles in the way of his progress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): In your desire to build up future security you must not neglect the equally important demands of the present.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Don't let a feeling of guilt about a false step spoil your future, if you are determined to let it remain an isolated case.

LEO (July 22-August 21): It would be much better for your peace of mind if you stopped dreaming of elaborate schemes, well knowing that they are quite beyond your means.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Lack of immediate response in a matter of the heart should not deter you from continuing your expressions of affection.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Your happy knack of being able to help others out of their difficulties should be an asset in solving a complicated problem of your own.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Lack of faith in your partner could shake the foundations of the relationship. Keep your sense of proportion and the doubts will disappear.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Don't be deceived into believing that a comparative stranger understands you better than those close to you.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): You are only wasting time and effort in trying to come closer emotionally to a person who differs from you completely in temperament and outlook.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If this is your birthday, some very personal issues will soon be cleared up satisfactorily, and you will thus be enabled to go ahead with your plans for the summer.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WE APOLOGISE TO READERS FOR THE FURTHER CONFUSION IN THIS COLUMN: WE ARE NOW BEGINNING A NEW SERIES, COMPLETE WITH QUESTION FOR TODAY'S ANSWER.

CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1♠ 2♥ Pass Pass
2♠ 3♥ Pass 3♦
Pass

You, South, hold:
♠ A K Q 7 5 ♦ 3 2 ♣ A Q 10 9 8 4

What do you do?
A—Pass. Your partner has heard you bid two suits and is not playing you for more than the two diamonds you have. Any further bid might find you in serious trouble.

You hold the same hand. Your partner goes to two no-trump after your two heart overall. What do you do now?

South's seven diamonds was a distinct overbid. There was no reason to credit North with both the king and queen of clubs and South really was lucky to find the king in the hand.

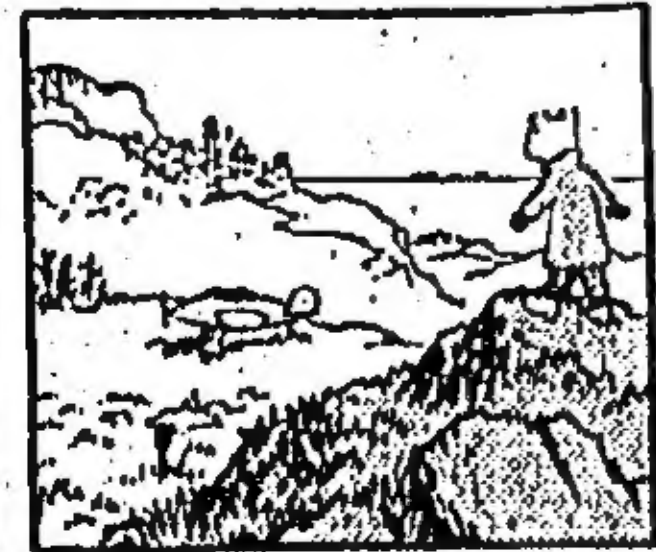
West opened the queen of spades. East played the eight and South ruffed with the nine. Now South played two high trumps and the ace and king of hearts. Then he went over to dummy with the eight of trumps, discarded a club on the queen of hearts, came back to his hand by ruffing a spade and ran off all his trumps.

He discarded down to three clubs in dummy and East who was one of those players who believe in holding on to their highest cards threw away all his low cards and kept the ace and king of spades and the ten of hearts.

Rupert and the Windies—49



With the vast carpet of cloud below him Rupert begins to wonder when he ought to go down through it again. "I don't remember how far Sandy Bay is," he thinks. "Hello, the cloud finishes far ahead and, yes, I do believe the sea is there, hooray!" The



little plane makes for a hill and he lands. "But this isn't Sandy Bay!" he gasps. "Look at those trees and . . . and those buildings! And how hot it is! This can't be England at all. Gosh! I must have flown faster than Santa Claus did yesterday!"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

General Tin's Job

—Knarf And Teddy Think He Has It Very Easy—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW I guess you think," said General Tin, the Tin Soldier, to Knarf, the Shadow Boy, and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, "that I have the easiest job in the house."

"Don't you, General?" asked Knarf.

Just stand

"All you do all day," Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, said, "is stand by the door with your musket over your shoulder. You never do anything else."

Here Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian spoke up in a loud, clear voice as he stood in front of General Tin: "I think you do more work than anybody else in the whole house!"

Then Hiawatha shook General Tin by the hand, and sat down again.

Very pleased

"Well," said General Tin, taken quite by surprise, but very pleased at what Hiawatha had just said, "I'm glad somebody thinks I'm useful around here."

"What I'd like to know," said Knarf, "is why you have to stand up all the time. Why don't you sit down like everybody else?"

"When I'm on duty, I stand up," replied General Tin in a

stern voice. "And I'm always on duty."

Who's that?

"Halt! Who goes there?" he suddenly snipped, whirling around toward the open door. It was the Cat.

What's the password?

"Halt! Give the password, Lion!" General Tin roared. "Look, it's not a Lion at all. It's only the Cat," Teddy whispered to Knarf and Hiawatha. "He's pretending it's a Lion."

The Cat didn't know the password, so General Tin gave her a poke with his musket and she turned and scampered off. "There, that's what I mean," Lions and Tigers and other ferocious animals keep coming here all the time. If I weren't on guard to stop them, they'd be running all over the house."

"Halt! Who goes there?" General Tin shouted again. He whirled around.

This time it was Dunkel, the Black Dog.

Knocked Tin over

"No, no, no! That's not the password! You can't come in, Wolf!" said General Tin with determination, as he stood squarely in the doorway.



Dunkel, the Dog, knocked General Tin over.

But Dunkel, who didn't think he was a Wolf at all, barked and wagged his tail and came rushing past General Tin, knocking him over and sending him spinning across the room. For several minutes before Knarf and Teddy and Hiawatha helped him up to his feet again. Dunkel came over and licked his face.

Not a Wolf

"But — but it's not a Wolf. It's only Dunkel," Knarf tried to explain. But Hiawatha and Teddy got Dunkel out of the room anyway.

"You've got a very hard job, the hardest in the whole house," Hiawatha said to General Tin. "I'm glad you understand, even if nobody else does," said General Tin. And he smiled thankfully at Hiawatha.

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RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

Tomorrow's prospects at the Valley

KOREA BEAT MALAYA TO RETAIN JUNIOR ASIAN SOCCER CUP

Riot squad called in before match

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 8. The riot squad was called last night when part of a crowd of about 10,000, unable to get into the Junior Asian Soccer Cup Final between Malaysia and Korea, stoned the ticket booth outside Merdeka Stadium.

The crowd quieted down when a police riot van arrived. The people listened to the match, which Korea won 4-0, on pocket radios.

Thirty thousand people inside the stadium saw a game that started at a hectic pace but slowed down in the second half.

Korea, holders of the cup presented by Malaysian Prime Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, was more than a match for the demoralised Malaysians in attack and defence.

Korea's first goal came within 40 seconds of the kick-off. A centre by left-wing Kim Duk Toong was lifted across the goal-mouth by Cho Young Ok, for Tung Soon Chun to drive home from five yards.

Korea's second goal came after a Malaysian forward sent the ball into the side of the net in seven minutes.

Korea attacked from the goal-kick and Young Ok scored from a scramble in the Malaysian penalty area.

Young Ok scored Korea's third goal three minutes later from a well placed centre by Soon Chun.

The fourth goal came from a penalty taken by Cha Myung Bok after the ball was handled by Malaysian right-back Yee Seng-choy.

Only resolute tackling and fine saves by Malaysian goal-

Japan upset Indonesia to finish third

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 7. Japan pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the tournament when they beat Indonesia 3-2 here tonight.

This victory made the Japanese third in the competition with Indonesia taking fourth place. The Japanese once again thrilled a capacity crowd of 22,000 with their characteristic indomitable spirit.

After Indonesia had taken the lead with a seventh minute goal by Manan the Japanese fought back to draw level three minutes later through T. Kuwada.

They then took the lead in the 33rd minute through Kuwada but the Indonesians equalised five minutes later through Zulkidri to make it 2-2 half-time.

The Japanese continued to have the better of exchanges in the second half and in the 73rd minute, T. Kawase gave them their winning goal.—AP.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

11th Race Meeting

Saturday, 9th and Sunday, 10th April, 1960.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 21 RACES

(There will be 10 races on the 1st Day and 11 races on the 2nd Day)

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the 1st Day.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the Tiffin interval will be after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.)

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted.

Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Queen's Building, Chater Road; 5 D'Aguiar Street; King's Road, North Point and 382 Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICES.

ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the 1st Day, \$22.00 each for the 2nd Day and \$42.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, Chater Road; 5 D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 8th April, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 30th April, 1960, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club.

The office hours of the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club are as follows:—

Queen's Building, Chater Road and 5 D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong:—

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, 9th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Saturday, 10th April 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, 9th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Saturday, 10th April CLOSED.

By Order of the Stewards,

A. E. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1960.

CARRIE AND HOUSE TOP SHOULD BE PROMINENT IN THE TWO WARWICK STAKES RACES

The Eleventh Race Meeting will start tomorrow, April 9, and will be concluded on Saturday, April 16. There will be 10 races tomorrow and 11 races on the second day, on April 16. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. tomorrow and at 11.30 a.m. on the second day. The tiffin interval on the second day will be after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.). The First Bell after tiffin on the 2nd day will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The two sections of the Sheffield Handicap for Class 3 ponies over the mile will be the main highlights for tomorrow afternoon.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Shropshire Handicap (First Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

Class 7 ponies will contest the opening event of the afternoon for Novice riders.

If it can get off to a good breakaway, Fenchurch (J. M. de Cruz) looks the best bet here.

Spinning Wheel (M. A. C. Roza) is quite at home over this distance and should have a say here.

Vendetta (H. Fattynad), although unplaced the last time out, is not bad over this distance and should not be treated lightly.

Aftab (Stanley Ho) and Nemo Boy (J. B. Lim) may have something to say here and they should be watched.

SECOND RACE

Dorset Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This sprint race is confined to 1900 ponies which have not won more than \$2,250 in stake money. All will carry 142 lbs except winners of stake money which will be penalised 5 lbs each.

Marota (P. Plumby) and Benefaction (Chun Kit) have shown gradual improvement in morning workouts. I particularly liked the way the former was moving and my vote goes to the bay mare.

A good outsider is Good Win (C. Y. Wong) while Gay Monarch (K. Kwok) stands on outside chance of winning.

THIRD RACE

Willis Stakes: From 2 Mile Post.

This race will be contested by 1900 ponies which have won \$3,000 but not more than \$9,000 in stake money. They will all carry 140 lbs except winners of more than \$3,000 in stake money which will carry 145 lbs, and winners which will be imposed a 5 lb penalty.

Pixie (K. Kwok) is carrying 150 lbs, and in view of its easy win in the Cornwall Stakes (First Section) from the 1 1/4 Mile Post at the last meeting with this same jockey up, carrying 147 lbs, it certainly stands a good chance of winning here.

Virtuous (T. H. Yau) is good over this distance and should offer stern opposition to Pixie if it does not actually win.

For the third position Glencon (Chun Kit) and Green Valley (J. M. de Cruz) will fight out the issue.

FOURTH RACE

Dorset Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This is a race for the second batch of 1900 ponies which have not won more than \$2,250 in stake money. The weight is 142 lbs. Winners of stake money will carry 147 lbs and the rest 142 lbs.

Among the ponies that are running in this race, Flying Billy (H. K. Hung) which has improved during morning gallops, looks like having the best chance of winning.

For those who are looking for an outsider, Goddess of Victory (C. E. Hulse) is the one to follow.

FIFTH RACE

Durham Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

This race is confined to Class 7 ponies.

First of all we have Beloved (K. Kwok) to consider as the pony is well suited to this distance and, remembering the way it ran and came in second in the Northern Handicap at the Annual Race Meeting over 1 1/4 miles with A. Ostrumoff up, many will no doubt rely on it tomorrow when making their bets.

Personally, I think Beloved should win, but Second Investment (Chun Kit) which is galloping well during morning training, may possibly extend the above pony.

For those who are looking for outsiders I suggest Pot O'Gold (C. E. Hulse).

SIXTH RACE

Warwick Stakes: Six Furlongs.

This sprint race is for 1900 ponies which have won \$3,000 but not more than \$9,000 in stake money. They will all carry 140 lbs except winners of more than \$3,000 in stake money which will carry 145 lbs and winners which will be penalised 5 lbs.

Aerobit (K. Kwok) is due for a belated win and has been training well. It has never been better than it is right now.

Safety First (C. H. Renfrey), Iqbal (H. K. Hung) and Ben Loyal (Robert Tsai) are in fine form also and should figure prominently at the finish.

SEVENTH RACE

Sheffield Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

Carrie, with K. Kwok up, is the logical choice for this race, but Satellite (P. Plumby) will be there, and thereabouts at the finish. Butterfly (Chun Kit) is another noted miler and it could cause an upset with a little luck.

Mayflower (Wellington Loh) is good as an outsider.

EIGHTH RACE

Nottingham Stakes: From 2 Mile Post.

This is another race for 1900 ponies which have not won more than \$2,250 in stake money. Each will carry 142 lbs but winners of stake money are given a 5 lb penalty.

Malchik (H. K. Hung) and Packet (Chun Kit) should fight out the issue in this event. I prefer the former.

Elfenzie (H. M. Botelho) is dangerous too and a longer shot is Fourways (Wan Shok-ming).

NINTH RACE

Shropshire Handicap (Second Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

This sprint race is for the second batch of Class 7 ponies.

Hallmark (H. M. Botelho) is my selection to win.

Manx Mist (J. M. de Cruz) should be well up at the finish.

One-man boycott of S. African cricket team by the Rev. David Sheppard

London, Apr. 7.

The Rev David Sheppard, former England cricket captain, said today he would not play in any matches against the South African touring team in Britain this summer.

The 29-year-old star batsman said it would be his way of protesting against racism in South African cricket.

"My motive is primarily to try to do something to encourage non-Whites in South Africa who are not in a position to say anything for themselves."

The South African cricketers are due to arrive in England on April 17. Organisations against racial discrimination have threatened protests at the airport.

Sheppard's one-man boycott of the South African cricket tour is sure to fan the flames of controversy surrounding cricket and Rugby Union tours by all-White South African teams.

Sheppard, a star batsman and a likely contender for a place on England's test team, said he had refused to captain the Duke of Norfolk's team against the South Africans.

His reason

He made it plain he would have no part in any match against the tourists. And, for the first time, he came out into the open with his reason—that he was against racial discrimination in sport.

There was a "tremendous danger in Africa that people would say Christianity was a White man's religion."

"Unless some members of the Christian Church say clearly they don't associate themselves with the policies of the White man in South Africa this will be believed," said the Anglican Clergyman-sportsman.

Sheppard is a member of the Marylebone Cricket Club, the ruling body of cricket in England and headquarters of the game throughout the world.

He emphasised he spoke as an individual but, added that the MCC knew his views but did not wish to prevent him expressing them.

Recently 92,000 South Wales miners called on the Glamorgan Cricket Club and the Welsh

Rugby Union to refuse to play the South Africans. The sporting organisations refused.—AP.

Sheppard's decision criticised

Brighton, Apr. 7.

The Secretary of the Sussex County Cricket Club today attacked the decision of the Reverend David Sheppard not to play the county against South Africa this summer.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. D. Grimston, secretary of the Sussex Club, said here today: "I am dead against this sort of thing. You simply cannot mix politics with cricket."

He declared: "We play table tennis and other games against the Germans—Italians and the Japanese. Why on earth should people boggle at playing cricket against the South Africans?"

"Whatever one's private thoughts may be they should be left off the cricket field. I think Sheppard has jumped the gun a bit on this one."

Meanwhile, the main party of England's Test cricketers, who arrived here today from their West Indian tour, refused to comment on the controversy about the South African tour this summer.

Mr Walter Robins, the team manager, said: "I am not getting involved in the controversy."—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



Denmark enters Uber Cup challenge round

Baltimore, Apr. 7. Denmark advanced to the challenge round of the Uber Cup women's international badminton competition with an easy victory tonight over New Zealand in the three-game final. Denmark swept the first four matches of the best of seven set.

Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

Starters, Weights And Riders

Starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names. The names of ponies are all listed according to the positions drawn. The first named pony has drawn the No. 1 position, the second named the No. 2 and so on.

2.00 p.m. Race 1. SHROPSHIRE HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 1/4 Mile. 110 Yards. Novices. Class 7.

234 Pot O'Gold (Leckoff) ... 140 lbs.

042 Beloved (Ng) ... 144 lbs.

204 Miracle (Sofronoff) ... 147 lbs.

004 Sound Investment (Lin) ... 145 lbs.

002 Citrus (Lam) ... 150 lbs.

000 Hylman (Noodin) ... 150 lbs.

000 Outsider (Lin) ... 153 lbs.

420 Vigorous Ava (Sofronoff) ... 140 lbs.

010 American Carrot (Noodin) ... 140 lbs.

430 p.m. Race 2. WARWICK STAKES. 6 Furlongs. 1900 Ponies.

440 Zanibar (Sofronoff) ... 140 lbs.

-2 Ben Loyal (Leckoff) ... 140 lbs.

-20 Harmony II (Metrevelli) ... 140 lbs.

-02 Misa Otis (Ng) ... 140 lbs.

-2 Aerobit (Chun Kit) ... 140 lbs.

-1 Safety First (Leckoff) ... 150 lbs.

-1 Peculiarity (Leckoff) ... 150 lbs.

-01 He-He (Noodin) ... 150 lbs.

010 Iqbal (Sofronoff) ... 150 lbs.

012 Linda (Ng) ... 140 lbs.

5.00 p.m. Race 3. SHEPHERD HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 Mile. Class 3.

411 Hi Fi (Tokmokoff) ... 145 lbs.

240 Norse King (Belokopoff) ... 140 lbs.

023 Carrie (Leckoff) ... 140 lbs.

023 Buttery (Sofronoff) ... 140 lbs.

030 Gold Badge (Shiu) ... 134 lbs.

001 Ol Lok Princess (Lam) ... 135 lbs.

004 Mayflower (Sofronoff) ... 145 lbs.

414 Satellite (Belokopoff) ... 148 lbs.

5.30 p.m. Race 4. NOTTINGHAM STAKES. 1 Mile 171 Yards. 1900 Ponies.

-00 Happy View (Lam) ... 142 lbs.

-43 Fells (Belokopoff) ... 147 lbs.

-00 Fourways (Leckoff) ... 142 lbs.

--- Elfenzie (Sofronoff) ... 143 lbs.

-00 Fire Chief (Chun) ... 142 lbs.

-43 Packet (Lin) ... 147 lbs.

000 Hot Chestnut (Chun Kit) ... 143 lbs.

--- Malaysian Pet (Noodin) ... 143 lbs.

--- Don Voyage (Metrevelli) ... 143 lbs.

-00 Frances (Shiu) ... 142 lbs.

-3 Matchin (Sofronoff) ... 147 lbs.

6.00 p.m. Race 5. SHROPSHIRE HANDICAP (2nd Section). 1 Mile. Class 3.

102 Hallmark (Shiu) ... 148 lbs.

004 Gilda (Belokopoff) ... 144 lbs.

000 Triumphant (Lam) ... 145 lbs.

004 Philippine's Pride (Ng) ... 140 lbs.

342 Olympic Day (S. H. Wong) ... 142 lbs.

100 King A (Rodney) ... 133 lbs.

021 Manx Mist (Noodin) ... 153 lbs.

040 Mercury (Metrevelli) ... 150 lbs.

6.30 p.m. Race 6. SHEPHERD HANDICAP (2nd Section). 1 Mile. Class 3.

320 Balkan Monarch (Lin) ... 143 lbs.

200 House Top (A. S. Wong) ... 135 lbs.

021 Golden Nugget (Belokopoff) ... 140 lbs.

--- Plumby (Sofronoff) ... 140 lbs.

330 Helene (Sofronoff) ... 135 lbs.

024 Castle Peak (Chun) ... 141 lbs.

410 Hard Ridden (Sofronoff) ... 143 lbs.

040 Mercury (Metrevelli) ... 150 lbs.

CONTINUING: MASTER-MINDS OF THE RING

When the betting bug bites deep...

NOT EVEN THIS BIZARRE GAMBLE COULD
BREAK AN ADDICT'S BAD LUCK

By CLIVE GRAHAM

THE TELEPHONE rang in the single room (with bath) in that big, old-fashioned hotel in Russell-square, part of London's Bloomsbury district. The call came from Glasgow, and the speaker's voice had that half-litling yet rasping accent which stamped it unmistakably—"Scotch Johnny" Marr.

During that quarter-century era, from 1920 onwards, the forthright "Scotch Johnny" was second only to Charlie Hannam ("Old England") as a professional backer.

The two men, like in their animosity towards their opposite numbers in the ring—both agreed once to order a half-pint of "boiled bookmaker" for breakfast—achieved the highest reputation for honourable conduct in all their dealings. The recipient of this telephone call, in the room which was later to prove his death-bed, could not claim such a flawless career in his activities, which extended beyond the microcosm of the turf.

Certainty

This was Hughie Rowan, a name by which he became known, but not the one under which he was christened. The famous Australian confidence-trickster, who squandered the proceeds of his chicanery by fabulous betting in Tattersall's Ring.

"Man, I promised to tell you a winner, did I not?" said the voice on the other end of the line. "Well, it's Montague, at Windsor tomorrow, a handicap commission—£8,000 to win. In this race, the Round Tower Handicap on May 20, 1947, Rowan's first bet was £13,000 to win £8,000 with Jack Burns. He wandered over to William Hill and had the same bet twice. He made his way then to various other bookmakers, scribbling the bets in thick, black pencil across his forehead as they were taken and confirmed.

Unconcerned

His card covered with these marks, the horses at the post, he took himself to the little champagne bar set into the corner of Tattersall's Ring, ordered a bottle of "bubbly," and a round of smoked salmon sandwiches.

The bell rang. The race was on. Rowan still sat there apparently unconcerned, in that little bar underneath the stands, until a runner from Tattersall's came bursting in with the news.

"It's won! Mickey Greenleaf's mount won—Montague." "That's good," came from the little old Australian, to all appearances quite unmoved. Maudling over his race-card, he asked this bringer-of-the-news to figure out his bet. Some of them were undecipherable, but he was able formally to claim the odds to £22,500—of which he paid the owner an even £8,000.

Too much

At this pace, it was obvious enough that the "Old Un," as he was known in Tattersall's, could not last for ever. Within three years he had struck the inevitable losing streak which men of the stamp of Hannam and Marr would have combatted with greater fortitude. Rowan lost control and ended the week at Newmarket and Ascot poorer by £80,000.

Chess match adjourned

Moscow, Apr. 7. The eleventh game in the world chess series being played here between Soviet grand masters Mikhail Botvinnik, world champion, and Mikhail Tal, challenger, was adjourned after the 41st move by black (Botvinnik). The situation was highly involved at adjournment, positions being:

White (Tal): King G1 Queen D2 Rook F4 Rook H8 Bishop D3 Pawns A2 B3 D4 E2 and G3.

Black: King G8 Queen D6 Rook F7 Rook G7 Knight F9 Pawns A7 B7 C6 E6 and H7.

The game will be concluded tomorrow. So far Tal leads 5.5 points to 4.5 in the series.—AP.

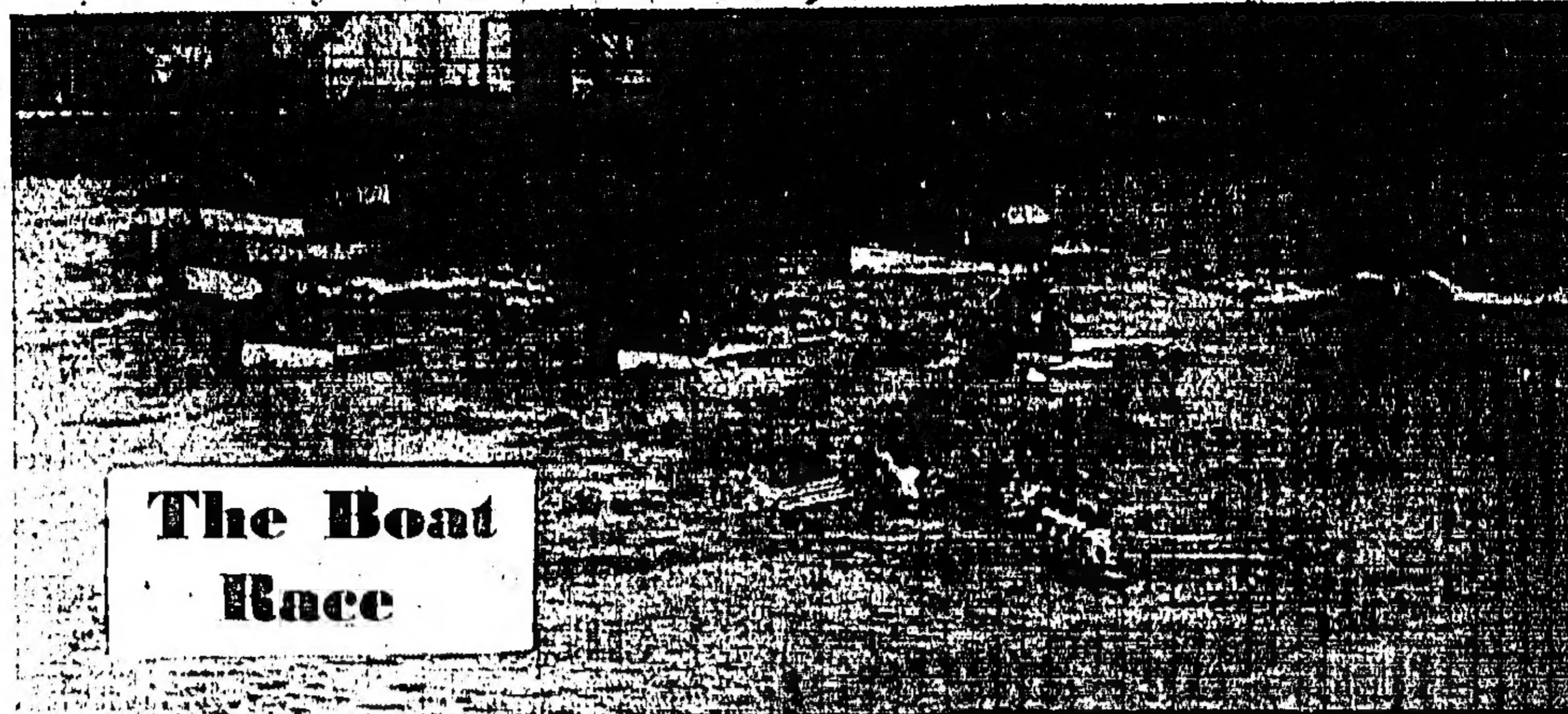


Photo of the Varsity Boat Race last Saturday shows here Oxford leading Cambridge by five seconds at Hammersmith Bridge. They kept approximately the same lead almost from start to finish.—The Times photo.

Arnold Palmer leads in Masters Golf Tournament

Augusta, Apr. 7.

Arnold Palmer, a strong and determined young man, fired a 5-under-par 67 over the rain-softened Augusta national golf course today in a brilliant opening for his second Masters championships.

The 29-year-old Palmer seized the 18-hole lead, from Fred Hawkins, whose surprising 69 had temporarily held first place.

The 6,830-yard, par 36-72 Augusta national course in the Georgia hills still was soft from rains. The big greens were slower than usual and bold pitch shots to the pins would stop dead.

Palmer started with birdies on the first two holes, made an eagle three at the eighth by holing out from a trap, then collected two birdies on the back nine to make up for a bogey at the 11th.

Gary Player, the 25-year-old British Open champion from

South Africa, finished with 35-35—70. Harry Weetman of England has a 70.—AP.

Hockey in Spain

If you did not know that Spaniards play hockey you will be surprised that a Scottish International side under the guise of "The Picts" are to play three matches in Catalonia in April. Seventeen players will go, and, just for the record, when the Catalans played in Edinburgh two years ago they won by a goal to nil.—Bonews Service.

PGA GOLF MAKES HISTORY

Qualifying round curtailed from 72 to 63 holes

Coventry, Apr. 7.

For the first time in the history of British golf, a stroke play championship—the Professional Golfers Association national closed event that started at Finham Park here today—has been curtailed from 72 to 63 holes.

With a record field of 162 competitors, the first players went out at 0800 GMT and the last at 1618 GMT and it became obvious that it was going to be a race to beat the clock.

But mist, which reduced visibility to 100 yards, delayed the start for 80 minutes and it soon became apparent that the last players would not complete their first round.

Every effort was made to speed up the field, but after several hours, with more than half the field still out on the course, it was announced that because of the inclement weather, and the delay, it would be necessary to reduce the 36 holes qualifying round to 27 holes.

The maximum of 30 players will contest the final 36 holes on

Saturday as originally planned. Those players who did not finish their rounds today, will resume tomorrow where they left off, and then, like the rest of the field, will play nine holes. According to the rules of golf, a tournament committee have the power to alter the conditions of a tournament in exceptional circumstances.

As darkness fell the conditions became farcical but some diehards finished their round by moonlight, two players retired from the tournament after playing 18 holes.

Twentyone players did not complete the first round, owing to the fading light and will continue from where they left off tomorrow morning.

Leader of the completed returns was 34-year-old Arnold Stickey, the Ealing professional, whose 67 represented a new record for the slightly reconstructed course.—Routier.

New York soccer tournament

Burnley, Kilmarnock and Glenavon will be the representatives of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland in the International Soccer Tournament to be held in New York during May and June.

In their section will be Bayern-Munich (Germany), New York Americans and Nimes (France). In the other section, will be Red Star (Yugoslavia), Norrby (Sweden), Lisbon Sporting Club (Portugal), Rapid (Austria) and Sampdoria (Italy), who will have the former Charlton Athletic player, Eddie Firmani, in their side.—Bonews Service.

Rosebery Stakes, Queen's Prize final acceptors

London, Apr. 7. Twenty-three final acceptors with weights for the Rosebery Stakes, to be run over one and a quarter miles, at Kempton Park on Saturday, April 16 are:

Fair Victor, nine stone; Lucky Guy, 8.12; Welsh Guard, 8.12; Blum, 8.11; Ross Sea, Alcides, Falls of Shin and Anthelion, 8.9; Red Letter and Kingroy, 8.8; Prince Moon, 8.6; Words of Wisdom, 8.5; Sanctum, 8.4; Rockmount, 8.2; Royal Chief, 8.0; Free Air, Langton Heath and Marshal Pili, 7.12; Marvella, 7.10; Golden Vision, Forewarned, Lavender and Coronella, 7.8.

Twenty-two final acceptors with weights for the Queen's Prize to be run over two miles, at Kempton Park, on Monday, April 18, are:

Jongleur, nine stone; Owen Glendower, 8.12; Master of Arts, 8.10; Royal Highway, 8.9; Amourrou, 8.5; Mungo Park, 8.4; Prime Value, 8.1; Eboracer, 8.0; Lucky White Heather and Stalker, 7.13; Elysium and Preflight, 7.10; Crystal Ball and Freelight, 7.9; All's Well, Blue Mountain, Printemps, Elf-Arrow and Everanick, 7.8; Tajura, 7.5; Yeta and Fourth of June, 7.2.—China Mail Special.

Chess News

by LEONARD BARDEN

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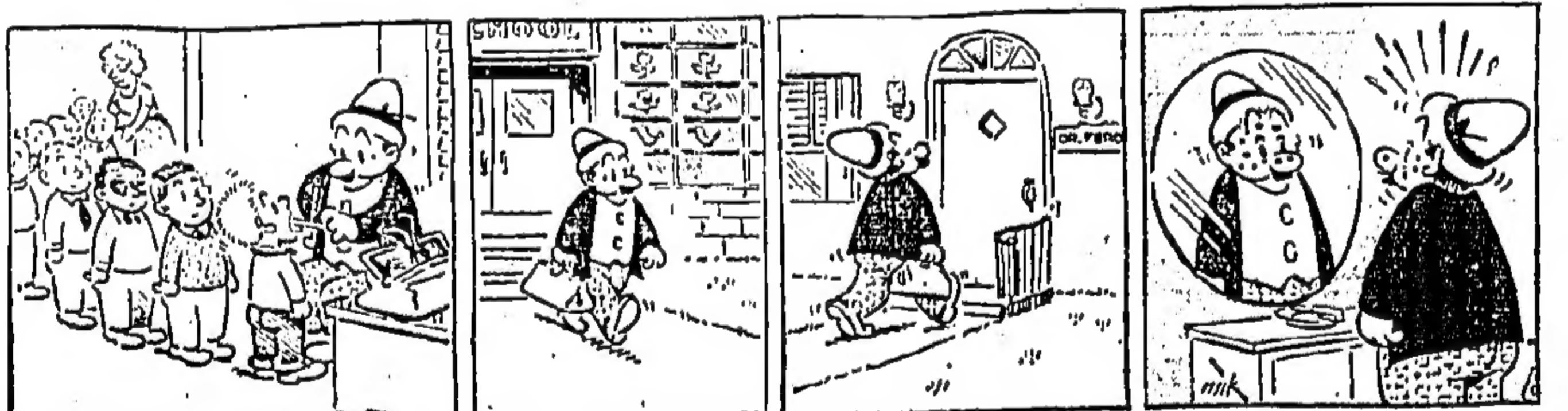
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BIG TAX APPEAL CASE

NO CASE TO ANSWER SUBMISSION

Submissions that the Crown had failed to prove its case and that his client should be discharged were made by Mr Patrick Yu, the defence counsel, when the trial of a Chai Wan Village elder, facing nine counts of forgery and false pretences, entered its final stage before Judge B. J. Jennings at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Accused is Shing Kwai, 51, who has pleaded not guilty to forging a number of documents and titles of land assignments of lease and memorials relating to several Crown land lots in Chai Wan in 1948 and 1949.

A further indictment alleges he obtained \$3,400 from a Mr Fung Yau-yun by falsely pretending he had acquired a lease of property assigned to Fung in October 1952.

Mr Yu submitted that there was forgery but it was not a criminal forgery and that the accused had never intended to defraud anyone.

He also submitted that the accused was entitled to the land.

Mr Yu is instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan, of Messrs Lou, Chan and Ko.

Mr Simon F. E. Li, is appearing for the Crown.

Ferry service tender

The existing licence for the operation of the ferry service between the eastern part of Hongkong Island and the eastern shore of Kowloon Bay will expire shortly and Government is inviting tenders for a new licence in today's Government Gazette.

The licence is for the exclusive right to maintain a ferry service for carrying passengers only between Shaukiwan, Cha Kwo Ling, Ngau Tau Kok and Sam Ka Tsun. The licence is for a period of three years starting on July 1, 1960.

Reserve of Officers

Major E. L. Gosano, of Hongkong Regiment, has been posted to the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Reserve of Officers, the Government Gazette notified today.

Counsel asks for ruling on two phrases in ordinance

An appeal by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co Ltd against tax assessment, involved the whole principle of paying taxes in Hongkong on profits derived from outside sources, Mr D. A. L. Wright submitted in the Full Court of Appeal this morning.

The dock company are appealing against Mr Justice J. R. Gregg's ruling last December that they should pay about \$60,000 in corporation profits tax, as a result of a \$402,813.80 profit made following the salvaging of the m.v. Bintaung off the Parcel Islands in 1956.

More drug charges preferred

Additional charges connected with dangerous drugs were preferred against two officers of the ss Prosper and the proprietor of a local plastics factory at Central Court this morning.

The trio, a Thai, a Chinese and a Norwegian face an original charge of dealing in opium without a licence.

Defendants are Buncheute Pichmatana, 61, Thai, third officer of the ss Prosper; Chan Kwong-shing, 35, Chinese, of Room 8 Tsui Fat Building, Queen's Road West; and Bjorn Hoyer Aresvik, 37, Norwegian, chief officer of the ss Prosper.

The case has been transferred to the District Court.

SUPREME COURT

Apart from Criminal Sessions, the offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. except on general holidays during Easter vacation from April 15 to 21, both days inclusive, the Government Gazette notified today.

NOTED CHOIR TO SING IN HK

The Vienna Academy Chorus, the choir of 24 students and graduates of the Vienna Academy of Music, will arrive on April 16 in the course of their round-the-world tour.

The well-known ensemble of voices will present two different programmes at the Queen's College on April 18 and 19 at 8 p.m.

Both programmes will consist of sacred music, Austrian folk music and classics of Vienna, but with different selections.

The Chorus had presented 20 concerts in Japan and three in Taipei after their two-month tour of the U.S.A.

They will leave on April 20 for Singapore, then India before going back to Europe.

Their concert here are sponsored by Mr Harry Odell.

FEBRUARY DEFICIT

The Colony's revenue for February amounted to \$54,156,206.48, and expenditure \$54,509,915.08, resulting in a deficit of \$353,708.60.

The General Revenue Balance at February 29 stood at \$403,846,231.22.

Air Efficiency Award

Flt Sgt L. M. Souza, Sgt R. A. Vas, Sgt Leung Chi-cheung and Col George Li Kai-fun, of the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force, have been awarded the Air Efficiency Award, the Government Gazette notified today.

Board of Review

Mr D. L. Strellett has been appointed to be Deputy Chairman of the panel of the Inland Revenue Board of Review, the Government Gazette notified today.

Mr A. R. Reid has been appointed to be a member of the Board, the Gazette added.

25,000 carnations for de Gaulle gala ballet

London, Apr. 7. Covent Garden, London's Royal Opera House, was turned into a fragrant bower of pale pink carnations for the gala ballet performance given tonight in honour of President and Madame de Gaulle by command of the Queen.

Twenty-five thousand blooms were used by Mr Cecil Beaton, the world-known designer and photographer, to put the clock back 50 years and conjure up for the climax of the President's visit the glory of the Opera House in the Edwardian era.

Borrowing ideas from a gain given in honour of another French President, M. Emile Loubet, in 1903, Mr Beaton decorated the three tiers of the scarlet and gold auditorium with festoons of carnations which glowed softly under the rows of pink shaded brackets.

ROYAL CROWN

Above the box, in which the Queen sat with President de Gaulle and the Queen Mother on her right, and the Duke of Edinburgh and Madame de Gaulle on her left, was an embossed Royal Crown encircled by carnations. Below the flag of France and Britain were framed with more flowers.

There were also bouquets of carnations, in the entrance hall — from which view the grand staircase — which was lined tonight by Yeomen of the Guard, Reuters.

In their picturesque Tudor uniforms. There were garlands of carnations in the "Crush Bar" on first floor foyer where members of General de Gaulle's suite, the Diplomatic Corps and the British Government were entertained in the intervals.

FIVE ITEMS

The evening's entertainment consisted of five items specially selected by Sir David Webster, general administrator of the Royal Opera House, and Dame Ninette de Valois, director of the Royal Ballet, to do homage to the contribution of France to the art of ballet.

The evening ended with Frederick Ashton's ballet "La Valse," in which dancers, beautifully dressed in romantic style by Andre Levassour, were seen whirling in a kind of dream world to Ravi's waltzes.

A rainsoaked crowd of 1,500 outside the Opera House and the brilliantly dressed audience of 2,000 inside, gave President and Madame de Gaulle and the Queen and Prince Philip a wonderful reception, Reuters.

Government appointments gazetted

The Government Gazette announced today the following appointments, promotions, transfers and postings.

Mr G. F. Rowe to be Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Mr E. S. Haydon to be a Magistrate.

Mr R. Fairbairn to act as Assistant Director of Public Works; Mr G. Thomson and Mr E. H. Rowley to act as Chief Building Surveyors; Mr Chen Shan-chuang, Mr G. L. Lowman, and Mr J. G. Sien to act as Assistant Chief Building Surveyors; Mr Kenneth Kwok Wai-kai to be an Engineer.

Dr S. H. Moore to be Assistant Director of Medical and Health Services (Urban Services) and concurrently Assistant Director of Health Services; Dr G. C. Franklin to act as Assistant Director of Medical and Health Services; Dr H. Black to act as Principal Medical Officer; Dr Donna Tang to be a Medical Officer.

Mr Chan Cheung-wing to act as Chief Labour Inspector.

Mr W. Sealer to be Deputy Secretary Urban Council.

Mrs D. L. Park ceased to be an Inspector of Schools.

Mr A. St. G. Walton to be District Commissioner, New Territories, and an Assistant Collector of Stamp Revenue during the absence of Mr D. R. Holmes; Mr R. Thompson to be District Assistant, South; Mr J. A. Fortune to be District Assistant, Tai Po.

Mr A. L. Tokley to be Assistant Chief Preventive Officer.

Mr A. Boyd-Cowan to be Secretary, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Department.

Mr T. H. Messenger to act as Controller of Pests.

Mr H. S. Lapley to be Secretary, Marine Department.

Mr Li Yuen-ting to be a District Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Rates due

Owners and occupiers of tenements are notified in today's Government Gazette that rates for the second quarter of this year are payable on or before April 30.

Demand notes for these rates have now been issued.

March weather records

Hongkong's unpredictable weather pattern continued in March — it was the warmest March on record. This was revealed in a statement by the Royal Observatory this morning.

The monthly average temperature was almost seven degrees higher than normal and two degrees higher than the record established in 1902.

The average maximum and minimum temperature were also records. So was the average dew point.

The absolute maximum temperature of 85.5 degrees was also a record, beating the 1950 figure.

It will be recalled that February was the driest February since 1911. It was the sunniest and least cloudy since 1884 and the warmest since 1916.

The average maximum was also a record in that month; the absolute maximum was the second highest.

Biggest-ever air tour group off to Japan

Thirty-eight Hongkong holidaymakers left Kai Tak today by Boac Britannia for a "Cherry Blossom Tour" of Japan organized by the Ming Tak Bank Travel Department.

It was the biggest-ever group to go on such a tour from the Colony and the tourists, mainly leading businessmen, will visit Tokyo, Yokohama, Nikko, Atami, Hakone, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka during their 12-day stay. Leaders of the tour group are Mr C. H. Mo, Manager of the Ming Tak Bank Travel Department. Also accompanying the party to Tokyo is Mr Chris Chen, Boac's Assistant District Sales Manager (Pacific).

Diamond withdrawn from auction

London, Apr. 7. A 21.6 carat diamond which had been expected to break the world record price was withdrawn from sale at a London auction when bidding stopped at £42,000.

The record of £50,000 from a single diamond was paid in the same auction last year for a 23.7 carat stone belonging to Mrs Michael Wilding, wife of the film star. — China Mail Special.

Leg. Council

Mr G. M. Goldsack has been appointed to be temporarily an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of Col J. D. Clegg, the Government Gazette notified today.

Mr C. A. R. Wilson has been appointed to be a Deputy Clerk of Councils, the Gazette added.

RETURNING OFFICER

Mr A. St. G. Walton has been appointed to be a Returning Officer for Heung Yee Kuk, the Government Gazette notified today.

Auditors

The names of Mr Chen Kang and Mr Li Kwai-hung have been added to the authorized list of auditors, the Government Gazette notified today.

Examiners

Messrs Ho Nga-ming and J. W. Chambers have been appointed to be members of the Board of Examiners, the Government Gazette notified today.

Church trustee

Mr J. S. Burr has been re-appointed a Trustee of the Kowloon United Church for another five years, the Government Gazette notified today.

Wages up hours down

London, Apr. 7. Vauxhall Motors today announced an hours reduction and wage increase for workers at their Luton and Dunstable factories.

Factory workers will receive a reduction in the working week from 42 and a half hours to 41 and a quarter hours.

Skilled and semi-skilled workers will get a wage increase of threepence an hour and unskilled workers an increase of twopence an hour.

The changes will cost the firm, which employs 28,000, about £700,000 a year, — Reuters.

NIGERIA WANTS MORE TRADE WITH HONGKONG

Lagos, Apr. 7. Chief Obafemi Awolowo, opposition leader in the Nigerian Federal Parliament, today demanded that a trade mission be sent to Japan, India and Hongkong to increase Nigeria's trade with these countries.

He said that Nigeria was importing £30,000,000 worth of goods from them and exporting only a little more than £1,000,000 to them. — Reuters.

Bomb outrages in Uganda

Kampala, Apr. 7. Two Asian women praying in a mosque at Nabusankhe, 50 miles from Kampala, Uganda, were injured last night by a gasoline bomb explosion. Police reported the bomb had been thrown by anti-Asian groups who were responsible for other disturbances in Uganda during the night.

Bomb outrages occurred in Asian shops in Kampala earlier this week. — AP.

From the Files 25 years AGO

THE full programme of celebrations in Hongkong in connection with the King's Silver Jubilee was announced last night in a memorandum by the Secretary of the Silver Jubilee Committee.

Monday, May 8, the 25th anniversary of the coronation of His Majesty the King will be observed as a bank holiday.

The programme includes church services, public meetings attended by leading members of the Colony at which loyal addresses will be given, a garden party at Government House, a Chinese procession in town, a special lighting arrangement for the Colony, fireworks displays, searchlight and rocket displays, night-flying displays by the Air Force, a special review at Happy Valley to which the entire Colony is invited, a Chinese lantern procession and boy scout and girl guide displays.

According to three of London's leading newspapers, Herr Hitler told Sir John Simon that Germany already had an Air Force comparable in strength to the Royal Air Force, a navy equal to that of France and the effect of conscription would be to give Germany a standing army of half a million men.

Despite the fact that no official statement will be made until Mr Eden's return from Berlin, it is evident that the difference of opinion between Sir John Simon and Herr Hitler were on fundamental principles.

Meanwhile in Moscow, Mr Eden is cementing Anglo-Soviet relations. At a banquet in his honour, Mr Litvinoff proposed a toast to His Majesty King George — the first time a toast has been offered to a ruling monarch by a Soviet statesman in Russia since the revolution.



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